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In exercise of the powers conferred on me by the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic) Regulations<sup>1</sup>, **I HEREBY** make the following Order —

**1. Citation.**

This Order, which amends the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Special Provisions) Order, 2020, (*S.I. No. 103 of 2020*), may be cited as the Emergency Powers (Covid 19 Pandemic)(Special Provisions)(Amendment) Order, 2020.

**2. Revocation and replacement of order 12 of the principal Order.**

Order 12 of the principal Order is revoked and replaced as follows —

**12. Control of importation of face masks.**

- (1) The import of surgical or medical face masks is permitted only by —
  - (a) the Ministry of Health;
  - (b) the Public Health Authority;
  - (c) a medical practitioner under the Medical Act (No. 29 of 2014);
  - (d) a person registered under the Dental Act (Ch. 226);
  - (e) a veterinarian surgeon or practitioner under the Veterinarian Surgery Act (Ch. 245);
  - (f) an industrial manufacturer;
  - (g) a commercial cleaning and sanitation enterprise;
  - (h) a commercial supplier of medical or surgical masks; and
  - (i) a hotel or resort.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (1), any person who imports surgical or medical face masks commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand

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<sup>1</sup>*S.I. No. 101 of 2020.*

- dollars or to a term of imprisonment of three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (3) No person shall import more than ten non-surgical or non-medical face masks without the prior written approval of the Competent Authority.
  - (4) Any person who contravenes paragraph (3) commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment of three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
  - (5) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), any business or undertaking referred to in paragraph (1) may import non-surgical or non-medical face masks.
  - (6) Nothing in this order shall prohibit an overseas head office of any business from exporting non-surgical or non-medical face masks or medical or surgical face masks to a branch or subsidiary of that office in The Bahamas provided it is not for the purpose of resale.
  - (7) Any person who imports non-surgical or non-medical face masks with the approval of the competent authority under paragraph (3) and resells or uses or divests the masks for any purpose other than that for which the approval was granted commits an offence and is liable upon summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment of three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Made this *22nd* day of *July*, 2020



**PRIME MINISTER**