

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment)
(National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (No. 30)

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health and Child Care has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020), made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (No. 30).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020 (hereinafter called “the principal order”), is amended in section 2 (“Interpretation”) by the insertion of in the following definitions—

““intercity transport” means transport between any cities, or between municipalities or towns established or deemed to have been established in terms of the Urban Councils Act [*Chapter 29:15*], or between cities and any such municipalities or towns, but does not include transport between an area under the jurisdiction of a local board and a city, municipality or town that is within the same council area as the local board (in which case such transport is deemed to be intracity transport);”.

3. (1) The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 200 of 2020 (hereinafter called the principal order), is amended in section 4 (“National lockdown”)(1) by the repeal of paragraph (e) and the substitution of—

““(e) every school and other educational institution (whether primary, secondary, tertiary or technical and vocational, except for institutions providing medical training or research useful for combating COVID-19) shall be closed (other than such an institution providing online or distance tuition);

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- (f) all intercity transport is prohibited except the operation of intercity transport services engaged in the carriage of staff for essential services, the carriage of goods or equipment needed in connection with an essential service, the carriage of sick persons to hospitals and other health care providers, the carriage of persons referred to in section 4(1)(a) (vi) or (vii), the transport of water, food, fuel, basic goods, medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 and other medical supplies and the carriage of police, Defence Forces personnel and other enforcement officers:

Provided that in the event of—

- (a) a Level 2 or 3 relaxation of the national lockdown, that is to say the application of the national lockdown when Parts IV and V of the Order are in effect, the intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with services or businesses governed by those Parts shall be regarded as the carriage of the intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with an essential service;
- (b) a Level 4 or 5 tightening of the national lockdown, that is to say, the application of the national lockdown when Parts IV and V of the Order are partially or wholly suspended, the intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with services or businesses governed by those Parts shall not be regarded as the carriage of the intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with an essential service.”

(2) Notwithstanding any Governmental order, instruction or directive to the contrary every school and other educational institution referred to section 4(1)(e) of the principal order remains closed until the 27th July, 2021.

(3) The intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with services or businesses governed by Parts IV and V of the Order shall not (except in the case of the intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with the operation of a tobacco auction floor as defined in Part IV) be regarded as the carriage of the intercity carriage of staff, goods or equipment needed in connection with an essential service until the 27th July, 2021.

4. Sections 26E (“Partial reversion to Level IV national lockdown”) of the principal order is amended in subsection (2) by the deletion of “13th July, 2021” and the substitution of “27th July, 2021”.

5. The special lockdowns referred to in section 26F (“Special lockdowns of Hurungwe, Kariba, Kwekwe and Makonde Districts”) of the principal order and other COVID-19 infection hotspots declared by the Minister in terms of section 26E(3) are extended to the 27th July, 2021.

