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REGULATIONS made by the Governor-General in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 18(9) of the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 2nd April, 2020.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**BELIZE CONSTITUTION (EMERGENCY POWERS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020**

and shall be read and construed as one with the Belize Constitution (Emergency Powers) Regulations, 2020 which are hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations.

S.I. 46 of 2020.

2. The principal regulations are amended by repealing regulation 4(3) and replacing it with the following—

Amendment of regulation 4.

“(3) Sub-regulations (1) and (2) shall not apply to any members, who are on duty, of the security forces, Customs and Excise Department, Department of Immigration Services only, any frontline health care provider on duty working for the Ministry responsible health (including hospitals which are statutory bodies), nor to any other essential worker who possesses a pass badge issued by the Minister responsible for national security.”

3. Regulation 5(2) of the principal regulations is repealed and replaced with the following—

Amendment of regulation 5.

“(2) During the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, a person’s right to move in any public place and on any public road-

- (a) during the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. is hereby restricted to movement for the purpose of-
 - (i) purchasing essential needs;
 - (ii) attending for medical or veterinary attention;
 - (iii) emergencies;
 - (iv) an essential worker or employee of an approved business going to or from work;
 - (v) a home-health care provider of services to sick and elderly only, going to and from work;
 - (vi) an essential worker acting within the scope of his duties, including but not limited to security guards patrolling, whether on foot or by conveyance, agricultural or factory workers, delivery services or other similar operations requiring the movement of personnel for the effective conduct of the business or operations,
- (b) during the hours of 5:00a.m. to 8:00 a.m. is hereby restricted to movement for the purpose of exercising by jogging, running or walking only,

provided that in so doing, a person shall practice social distance protocols and maintain a

minimum of three feet distance between persons while jogging, running or walking.”

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after Regulation 6, the following new regulation–

Insertion of
new regulation.

“Restriction on cross district movement and cross locality movement. S.I. 45 of 2020.

6A. During the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, no person shall move across any district boundaries nor across localities within any district, city, town, village or community except for the purposes listed in regulation 5(2).”

5. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations are amended as follows–

Amendment of
regulation 8.

(a) in paragraph (a) by repealing subparagraph (viii);

(b) in paragraph (b)–

(i) by repealing subparagraph (iv) and replacing it with the following–

“(iv) hotels, villas and other rental accommodations,

provided that hotels, villas and other rental accommodations shall not be open for general business to the public and shall be opened only for the purposes of maintenance and housekeeping by its employees;

and provided further that where a hotel, villa or establishment houses a restaurant, that restaurant shall offer only services of take-out or drive thru;”;

(ii) in subparagraph (vii), by deleting the words “related strictly to medical supplies and equipment”;

(iii) by repealing paragraph (xi) and replacing it with the following–

“(xi) hardware stores for delivery services only to approved businesses allowed to operate under these Regulations;” and

(iv) by repealing paragraph (xii) and replacing it with the following–

“(xii) wholesalers of goods and services directly related to an approved business allowed to operate under these Regulations–

provided that the wholesalers shall operate only to supply, to an approved business allowed to operate under these Regulations, by delivery only but such wholesaler shall not be open for business to the general public,

provided further that where a business is both a wholesaler and a retailer, that business shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, operate as a wholesaler only;” and

(c) in paragraph (c)–

(a) by repealing subparagraph (a) and replacing it with the following–

“(a) food mills;”; and

(b) by adding immediately after subparagraph
(c) the following new subparagraph (d)–

“(d) port operations and services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and aircrafts, and delivery to and from ports.”,

(d) in paragraph (d) by deleting the word “government”.

6. The Schedules to these Regulations are amended as follows–

Amendment of Schedules.

(a) in Schedule I by adding immediately after paragraph 12, the following new paragraph–

“13. Belize Port Authority”; and

(b) in Schedule II by adding immediately paragraph 30, the following new paragraphs–

“31. Social Security Board

32. Municipal Bodies (town and city councils)”

7. These Regulations come into force on signature.

Commencement.

MADE by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Colville N. Young this 2nd day of April, 2020.



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