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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 7th April, 2020.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**BELIZE CONSTITUTION (EMERGENCY POWERS)
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS, 2020**

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

S.I. 46 of 2020.
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2. The principal regulations are amended in regulation 2 by inserting the following word and its corresponding definition in its proper alphabetical order—

Amendment of
regulation 2.

“**Cayo District**” means the whole of the area described by electoral divisions namely Belmopan Electoral Division, Cayo Central Electoral Division, Cayo North-East Electoral Division, Cayo North Electoral Division, Cayo South Electoral Division and Cayo West Electoral Division which is more particularly described in the First Schedule to the Representation of the People Act;

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Amendment of regulation 5.

3. The principal regulations are amended in regulation 5 by inserting the following new subregulations immediately after subregulation (2)–

“(2A) Notwithstanding subregulation (2)(a)(ii), a person’s right to move during the hours of 5:00 am to 7:59 pm for the purpose of attending for medical or veterinary attention is restricted to movement for the purpose of attending to medical or veterinary emergencies only, if that person resides in the Cayo District.

(2B) Notwithstanding regulation (2), movement outside of curfew in the Cayo District is restricted on Sundays to–

(a) movement by essential workers only, going to and from work or moving for the purposes of the effective conduct of their business operations; and

(b) movement for emergencies only.”.

Insertion of new regulation 5A.

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 5, the following new regulation 5A–

“Prohibition on movement.

5A. No person shall enter nor exit the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations.”.

Repeal and replacement of Regulation 8.

5. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is repealed and replaced as follows–

“Operations of approved businesses.
S.I. 45 of 2020.

8.–(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID 19, the following businesses, service or offices may operate during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation only, and if that

business, service or office decides to operate, that business, service or office shall operate for such periods as may be determined by the management, between the hours of-

(a) 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.-

(i) fuel stations, fuel depots, LPG suppliers, LPS depots and LPG distributors;

(ii) agro-processors, food and carbonated and other beverage manufacturers;

provided that only agro-processors and food manufacturers shall be allowed to operate in the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations,

(iii) agricultural and aquaculture farms;

(iv) fishers;

(v) waste disposal and sanitation companies and auxiliary personnel;

(vi) productive sector industries, personnel and auxiliary workers (potable water production; agricultural workers);

(vii) public transportation providers,

provided however that no public transportation providers

except for taxis shall operate in the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations,

provided further that taxis allowed to operate under this paragraph shall not operate from any taxi stand,

- (b) 5:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., bakeries and tortilla factories;
- (c) 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., markets (agricultural produce, fish and meat);
- (d) 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the following establishments—
 - (i) pharmacies;
 - (ii) 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,

- (iii) store front outlets for essential businesses (public utilities companies),

provided however that store front outlets for essential businesses (public utilities companies) shall not operate in the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations;

- (iv) service of take-out or drive thru' facility only, at restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments,

provided however that service of take-out or drive thru' facility only, at restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments shall not operate in the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations,

- (v) international delivery services by international delivery service providers (such as DHL, Federal Express (FedEx) Amerijet, etc.);

- (vi) domestic delivery services related strictly to meals, groceries, medical supplies and equipment;

- (vii) 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 shall, that business shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, operate as a wholesaler only,

(viii) the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Centre (and any research undertaken or being done),

(e) 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the following establishments—

(i) convenience stores, food stores, supermarkets, meat shops, butchers, distributors and factories of carbonated and other beverages, including spirits (excluding potable water) and food,

provided however that distributors and factories of carbonated and other beverages, including spirits (excluding potable water) shall not operate in the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations,

- (ii) mechanic shops, garages and auto parts stores,

provided however that mechanic shops, garages and auto parts stores shall not be open to the general public in the Cayo District for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations, but during that period, shall provide services to the essential services sector operating in the Cayo District,

- (f) 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., financial institutions (including commercial banks, credit unions, money lending institutions, money transfer institutions, pawn shops;
- (g) twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week—
 - (i) food mills;
 - (ii) sugar, citrus and other approved food production factories;
 - (iii) oil production and drilling for oil exploration;
 - (iv) port operations and services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and aircrafts, and delivery to and from ports;
 - (v) public utilities and independent energy producers which provide energy to public utilities,

Schedule II. (h) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all offices listed in Schedule II,

provided that offices listed in Schedule II situated in the Cayo District shall be closed for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations.

(2) The following establishments shall close and remain closed for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations–

(a) construction and construction sites (private and commercial);

(b) hardware stores.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subregulation (1), no businesses, services or offices except for those listed under subregulation (1) (g), shall operate in the Cayo District on a Sunday.”.

Amendment of regulation 16.

6. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 16 by inserting immediately after subregulation (1), the following new subregulation (1A)–

“(1A) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under these Regulations is liable to imprisonment for a period of two years.”.

Amendment of Schedules.

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

(a) in Schedule I–

(i) at paragraph 7, by deleting the words “responding to emergencies”

(ii) adding immediately after paragraph 13, the following new paragraphs–

“14. the Office of the Governor-General

15. The National Fire Service

16. Belize Electricity Limited

17. Belize Water Services Limited

18. Belize Telemedia Limited

19. Speednet Communications Limited (Smart)”; and

(b) in Schedule II by deleting paragraphs 18, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

8. These Regulations come into force on April 7th, 2020.

Commencement.

MADE by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Colville N. Young this 7th day of April, 2020.



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