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Public Health (Standards for Personal Protective Apparel,
Materials and Equipment) Regulations, 2020

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health and Child Welfare has, in terms of section 137 of the Public Health Act [*Chapter 15:17*], made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Standards for Personal Protective Apparel, Materials and Equipment) Regulations, 2020.

Application

2. (1) These regulations apply to the standards required for the manufacture, sale and other disposal of apparel, materials and equipment intended to be worn or used as protection against any formidable infectious disease by different categories of persons in their interaction with members of the public.

(2) The aforementioned standards are specified in the Schedule.

Interpretation

3. (1) In these regulations—

“personal protective apparel, materials and equipment” means apparel, materials and equipment useful in preventing the transmission of COVID-19 or any other formidable infectious disease, such as face masks, gowns, disinfectants, detergents, hand sanitizers, overshoes, aprons, goggles, ventilators, thermometers receptacles for dispensing sanitizers or disinfectants, and surgical or other gloves;

“non-standard personal protective apparel, materials and equipment” means anti-infectious apparel, materials and equipment, that are not manufactured to the appropriate standard specified in the Schedule.

Prohibition against sale, etc., of non-standard personal protective apparel, materials and equipment

4. (1) No person shall—

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- (a) offer for sale or attempt to offer for sale; or
- (b) sell by auction; or
- (c) expose, display or advertise for sale; or
- (d) sell under an agreement in terms of the Hire-Purchase Act [*Chapter 14:11*] or by means of staggered payments or instalments; or
- (e) transmit, convey, deliver, distribute, possess or prepare for sale; or
- (f) barter or otherwise exchange or dispose of for valuable consideration; or
- (g) import or export; or
- (h) donate or otherwise dispose of for use by others; or
- (i) manufacture, assemble or fabricate;
non-standard personal protective apparel, materials or equipment.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to fine not exceeding level twelve or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year to both such fine and such imprisonment.

(3) In the case of a company or other corporate body, the directors or members of the governing body shall each be liable together with the such company or body to the penalties specified in subsection (2).

SCHEDULE (*Section 2(2)*)

STANDARD PERSONAL PROTECTIVE APPAREL, AGENTS AND EQUIPMENT

(Key: AS = Australian Standards; AFNOR = French Association for Standardisation; EN = European Union Standards, ISO = International Organisation for Standardisation; NZA = New Zealand Standards; ZW = Zimbabwe Standards; US Standards = United States Standards; PPE = Personal Protective Equipment).

Face masks	Comment
1. AFNOR Spec S76-001 2020+ Annex C (Patterns)	For general public and workers not directly dealing with Covid-19 or other patients suffering from a formidable infectious diseases (unless filtering masks are available

2. General Masks, EN 149	AFNOR- SPEC- S76-001 Barriers Masks- Guide to minimum requirements, methods of testing of testing, making and use- general use This standard is for use by manufacturers to ensure best practice in production and quality control but not for certification and quality control but not for certification purpose Certification of products shall be against EN 149
3. EN 149 2009 Respiratory protective devices- Filtering half masks to protect against	For people in contact with contaminated people (priority given to healthcare people). Masks protecting the user by filtering the air, not allowing COVID-19 or other formidable infectious agent (From level FFP2)
4. Medical Respiratory Products (Surgical Face Masks and Respirators)	BS EN 14683 ASTM 2100 (Materials for use in medical face masks)
5. EN 14683: 2019 EN Medical face masks- Requirements and best method	Known as “Surgical Masks”
<i>Below are other standards for masks for people in contact with contaminated people (priority given to healthcare people)</i>	
6. NIOSH-42 CFR Part 84 Respiratory Protective Devices	US Standard (from N95 level)
7. GB 2626- 2029 Respiratory protection- Non- powered air-purifying particle respirator	Chinese Standard (from KN95 level)
8. AS/NZA 1716: 2012	AS/NZA (from P2 level)
9. KMOEL – 2027- 64	South Korea (for 1st class)
10. JMHL W- Notification 214, 2018	Japan (from DS)
Gloves	
1. ISO 374- 5: 2016. Protective gloves against dangerous chemicals and micro-organisms- Part 5: Terminology and performance requirements for micro-organisms risk	

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2. EN 455-1: 2000 Medical gloves for single use- Part 1: Requirements and testing for freedom from holes (MDD)	
3. EN 455- 2: 2015 Medical gloves for single use- Part 2: Requirements and testing for physical properties (MMD)	
4. EN 455- 2: 2015 Medical gloves for single use- Part 3: Requirements and testing for biological evaluation	
5. Protective clothing- Gloves	ISO 11193-1 ISO 10282
6. EN-455-4: 2009 EN Medical gloves for single use- Part 4: Requirements and testing for shelf life determination (MDD)	
Clothing	
1. ISO 13688: 2013, Protective Clothing – General requirements	
2. EN 14126: 2003 Protective clothing- Performance requirements and test methods for protective clothing against infective agents	
3. EN 14605: 2009 Protective clothing against liquid chemicals- performance requirements for clothing with liquid-tight (Type 3) or spray-tight (Type 4) connections, including items providing protection to parts of the body only	

4. EN 13795- 1: 2019 Surgical clothing and drapes- Requirements and test methods- Part 1: Surgical drapes and gowns	
5. EN 13795- 2: 2019 Surgical drapes, gowns and clean air suits, used as medical devices for patients, clinical staff and equipment- Part 2: Test methods	
Hand Biocid (against formidable infectious agents)	
1. Guide to Local Production: WHO-recommended Handrub Formulations	For urgency domestic production
2. EN 14476: 2013 + A2: 2019 Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics	Quantitative suspension test for the evaluation of virocidal activity in the medical area. Test method and requirements
SANITIZER	
1. Hand Sanitizers (Alcohol Based)	ARS ZW HS 1470
Other	
1. Respiratory Products (Surgical Face Masks and Respirators)	ZWS 657
2. Protective Clothing- Gowns- Overshoes- Plastic Aprons- Goggles- Scrubs	ISO 13688 (General requirements for PPEs)
3. Protective Clothing- Gloves	ISO 11193-1 ISO 19282
4. Emergency Ventilators (installed in rescue vehicles)	ISO 10651-3
5. Portable Ventilators (for use in emergency and transport)	ISO 10651-3
6. Temperature Measuring Devices	1. Fluke Temperature Generator (Metrological Well) 2. Fluke Water Bath 3. Infra-Red (IR) Temperature Gun
7. Chemicals for Use in the Food Industry (Detergents and Disinfectants)	1. EN 166:2001 Personal eye-protection- Specifications

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Preamble: Extension of the National Lockdown

WHEREAS a State of Disaster in connection with the COVID-19 formidable infectious disease was declared in the 23rd March, 2020, by Statutory Instrument 76 of 2020;

AND WHEREAS the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, was published on the 29th March, 2020 in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020, declaring a national lockdown to contain the spread of the COVID-19 formidable infectious disease with effect from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020;

AND WHEREAS it has become necessary to extend the national lockdown for a further period to the 3rd May, 2020 and to provide for other matters in connection therewith;

NOW THEREFORE IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health has, in terms of section 68 of the Public Health Act [*Chapter 15:17*], made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (Amendment) Order, 2020 (No. 3).

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”)—

(a) in the definition of “essential service” by the repeal of paragraph (j) and the substitution of—

“(j) communications and telecommunication services, including the Internet, any public or licensed broadcasting service, and the activities of persons as journalists, newspaper vendors or employees of such services;”;

(b) by the insertion of in the following definitions—
“attendant” in relation to—

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- (a) a designated truck stop, means an enforcement officer, fuel attendant or other employee at such stop; or
- (b) a border post, means a revenue or customs officer, enforcement officer or other person employed at such border post to assist drivers of goods vehicles during the period of national lockdown;

“crossborder goods vehicle” means goods vehicle ferrying goods from Zimbabwe to a neighbouring country and back, or from a neighbouring country to Zimbabwe and back;

“designated truck stop” means a location for the refuelling and the supply of other services (including the facility for drivers and their crews to sleep in their vehicles overnight at the stop) in respect of transit goods vehicles and crossborder goods vehicles, designated by the Minister responsible for transport in the *Gazette* or by notice in such manner as the Minister thinks necessary for bringing such designation to the attention of all persons who, in his or her opinion, ought to have notice thereof;

“goods vehicle” means a motor vehicle, including an articulated vehicle, constructed or adapted for the conveyance of goods;

“goods vehicle in transit” means goods vehicle ferrying goods through Zimbabwe between two countries”.

3. Section 4 (“National lockdown”)(1) of the principal order”) is amended in by the deletion of “for the period of 21 days from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020” and the substitution of “for the period from the 30th March, 2020, to the 3rd May, 2020”.

4. Section 5 (“Prohibition of gatherings”)(1) of the principal order”) is amended in subsection (1) by the deletion of “for the period of 21 days from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020” and the substitution of “for the period from the 30th March, 2020, to the 3rd May, 2020”.

5. Section 7 (“Closure of airports and restrictions on aerial transportation”) of the principal order”) is amended in subsection (1)—

- (a) by the deletion of “For the period of 21 days from the 30th March, 2020, to the 19th April, 2020” and the substitution of “For the period from the 30th March, 2020, to the 3rd May, 2020;
- (b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (c)—
 - “(d) aerodromes operated by or on behalf of Government establishments that are directed to be opened in accordance with section 4(1)(d).”.

6. Section 8 (“Power to close ports of entry and exit”)(1) of the principal order is amended by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph (c)—

- “(d) the arrival and departure of any passenger or cargo aircraft engaged in an essential service, in accordance with the following restrictions—
 - (i) unless flight plan of the aircraft contemplated an overnight stopover, or except in exiguous circumstances, every such aircraft must depart within ten (10) hours of arrival;
 - (ii) every member of the crew of such aircraft not on overnight stopover must remain on board the aircraft until its departure, but if it is necessary for any of them to disembark—
 - A. the crew member must submit to being sanitised or disinfected in the manner required by an enforcement officer immediately on disembarkation, wear a face mask, and not associate with any other persons than (subject to the social distancing rule) members of the relevant airport or aerodrome services staff;
 - B. if it becomes necessary for any member of the crew of such aircraft to stay overnight, every such member shall proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the airport or aerodrome until departure (or if any such member is infected with COVID-19,

- a place of isolation), or at some other place indicated by an enforcement officer;
- (iii) every member of the crew of such aircraft on overnight stopover must proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the airport or aerodrome until departure (or if any such member is infected with COVID-19, a place of isolation), and otherwise comply with subparagraph and (ii);
 - (e) the entry and exit of any goods vehicle in transit engaged in an essential service, in accordance with the following restrictions—
 - (i) when arriving at the border the driver must—
 - A. be in possession of a functional thermometer for measuring body temperature, sufficient face masks for himself or herself and any member of the crew of the vehicle, sufficient hand sanitizing fluid or disinfectant, and at least one receptacle for dispensing such fluid or disinfectant (or if not in possession thereof must be able to obtain them at the border post);
 - B. submit to being sanitised or disinfected in the manner required by an enforcement officer at the border post;
 - (ii) the driver of the goods vehicle must not stop except at a border post, or a designated truck stop, and at such post or stop the driver and every member of the crew of such vehicle must remain in the vehicle and may only temporarily leave therefrom (and in that event without violating the social distancing rule) for the purpose of—
 - A. using ablution facilities;
 - B. assisting in refuelling their vehicles while inside the forecourt of the fuel outlet;(if the driver or any member of his or her crew requires to obtain food or other basic necessities,

the driver or crew member must not disembark from the vehicle but such food or supplies must be obtained through attendants at such border post or designated truck stop);

- (iii) in the case of drivers of crossborder goods vehicles, enforcement officers at the border or designated truck stop where the goods are offloaded must disinfect the goods and the premises at which they are offloaded as soon as possible after the offloading;
- (iv) every driver and every member of the crew of a transit goods vehicle or cross-border goods vehicle requiring to remain in Zimbabwe for a period in excess of 24 hours must proceed to and remain at a place of quarantine at the border post, designated truck stop or other place designated by an enforcement officer until departure (or if any such member is infected with COVID-19, a place of isolation);
- (v) every driver and every member of the crew of a transit goods vehicle or cross-border goods vehicle who, being a citizen or resident of Zimbabwe, returns to Zimbabwe upon delivery of the goods in question, shall be treated as a returning citizen or resident for the purposes of subsection (1)(a)."

7. Section 12 ("Prohibition of hoarding of medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 and other offences") is amended by the repeal of subsection (3) and the substitution of the following subsections—

"(3) No person shall export or attempt to export from Zimbabwe medical supplies needed to combat COVID-19 unless the exporter or other person in charge of the consignment for export of such supplies produces to a revenue, customs or enforcement officer a certificate issued by or under the authority of the Minister to the effect that such supplies are in excess of what is required in Zimbabwe to combat the disease.

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(3a) Any person who contravenes subsection (1), (2) or (3) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to fine not exceeding level twelve or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year to both such fine and such imprisonment.”.