

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 (No. 1)

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 regulations:—

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

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 83 of 2020 (“the principal regulations”), is amended in section 2 (“Interpretation”) in the definition of “essential service”—

- (a) by the repeal of paragraph (i) and the substitution of—
 - “(i) communications and telecommunication services, including the Internet, and any public or licensed broadcasting service;”
- (b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (l)—
 - “(m) all criminal courts and, to the extent directed by the Chief Justice by a Practice Direction, other courts, together with their support staff (but not the Sheriff of the High Court or messengers of court);”

3. Section 4 (“National lockdown”)(1) of the principal order is amended by the insertion of the following paragraphs after paragraph (f)—

- “(g) hospital visits are permitted, subject to the restriction that the hospital authority may admit only one visitor per patient per day (and the visitor and patient must comply with the social distancing rule);
- (h) gatherings in file of motorists queuing to obtain fuel or gas at a fuel or gas outlet are permitted, subject to the restriction that every motorist must remain in his or her vehicles and may only temporarily leave

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therefrom (and in that event without violating the social distancing rule) for the purpose of—

- (i) obtaining food and other basic necessities;
- (ii) using ablution facilities;
- (iii) assisting in re-fuelling their vehicles while inside the forecourt of the fuel outlet.”