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

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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.

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PART I

Preliminary

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

Citation.

**BELIZE CONSTITUTION (EMERGENCY POWERS)
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2. For the purposes of these Regulations—

Interpretation.

“**BPO**” means Business Process Outsourcing;

“**COVID-19**” means the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCov), which is an infectious disease caused by a virus which, having emerged during 2019, was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation on the 11th March, 2020;

“**emergency area**” means the area declared to be under a public state of emergency under the Proclamation;

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2020.

“**essential worker**” means an employee of an essential service;

“essential service” means the offices listed in the Schedule;

“minor” means a person sixteen years or under;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for national security;

“period of public emergency” means the period stated in the Proclamation issued by the Governor-General and during which the Proclamation remains in force and effect;

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2020.

“Proclamation” means the Proclamation made by the Governor-General under section 18 of the Belize Constitution declaring that a state of public emergency exists in the entire country of Belize;

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2020.

“public transportation” means any form of transportation available to the public, which runs on fixed or established routes and charges a fare;

“public utility” includes services of electricity, water, telecommunications, cable and internet service providers;

“Quarantine Authority” means the Director of Health Services as designated by section 3 of the Quarantine Act;

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“security forces” means any member of the Coast Guard, Belize Police Department, or Belize Defence Force;

“social distancing” includes the practice of staying home, avoiding crowds, refraining from touching one another and maintaining a distance of no less than six feet from other persons.

PART II

*Regulations for Ambergris Caye, Santa Martha Village,
Shipyard Village and Guinea Grass Village*

3. The regulations under this Part shall apply to the following areas—

Application.

- (a) Ambergris Caye, Belize District; and
- (b) Santa Martha Village, Orange Walk District;
- (c) Shipyard Village, Orange Walk District; and
- (d) Guinea Grass Village, Orange Walk District.

4.—(1) No person shall enter or exit any of the areas specified under regulation 3 during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation.

Prohibition on
movement.
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(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, a person may, with the prior approval of the Ministry responsible for health and the Ministry responsible for national security, enter or exit any of the areas specified under regulation 3 in the event of an emergency.

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2020.

5.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, a curfew is hereby imposed for the areas specified under regulation 3 during the hours of 8:00 p.m. until 4:59 a.m. of the following morning.

Curfew.

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2020.

(2) For the purposes of sub-regulation (1), no person shall be on the streets or in any public place nor on any public road between the hours specified in that sub-regulation.

(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 for health (including hospitals which are statutory bodies), or to any other essential worker who possesses a pass badge issued by the Minister responsible for national security.

(4) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no minor shall be on any public road or in any public place during the hours 6:00 p.m. and 7:59 p.m., unless that minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian.

Restriction
on movement
outside of
curfew.

6.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 and subject to sub-regulations (2) and (3), a person shall not loiter, wander, assemble, or otherwise move in any public place and on any public road during the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:59 p.m.

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(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 during the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 7:59 p.m. is hereby restricted to movement for the purpose of—

- (a) purchasing essential needs;
- (b) attending for medical or veterinary attention;
- (c) emergencies;
- (d) an essential worker or employee of an approved business going to or from work;
- (e) a home-health care provider of services to sick, disabled or elderly persons or to children, going to and from work;

- (f) an essential worker or employee of an approved business, 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;
- (g) a person seeking or obtaining services of an approved business or office.

(3) For the purposes of these Regulations, movement includes movement on foot or by a conveyance of any kind, whether mechanically propelled, propelled by animals, or otherwise propelled.

(4) An officer of the security forces may stop and question any person found moving with an aim to ascertain that person's motives for moving.

(5) A person stopped and questioned by an officer of the security forces between the hours specified in sub-regulation (1), who is unable to reasonably explain or prove that his reasons for movement fall within the reasons set out in sub-regulation (2), commits an offence.

7.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no person shall gather in numbers of more than ten persons at a time anywhere in the areas specified under regulation 3, whether in any public place, public space or on private property,

**Restriction
on public
gatherings.**

provided that a gathering of ten or more persons on private property is allowed where persons are residents of that property.

(2) For the purposes of sub-regulation (1), a gathering of ten persons or less is restricted to the purpose of activities or movement allowed under these Regulations.

Businesses approved to operate.

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8.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, only the following businesses, services or offices located in the areas specified under regulation 3 may operate during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, 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 management between the hours of—

(a) 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.—

- (i) fuel stations, fuel depots, LPG suppliers, LPG depots and LPG distributors;
- (ii) agro-processors, food manufacturers, and factories;
- (iii) agricultural and aquaculture farms;
- (iv) fishing for livelihood and sustenance but not including sport fishing and leisure fishing;
- (v) essential services;
- (vi) markets (agricultural produce, fish and meat);
- (vii) bakeries and tortilla factories;
- (viii) pharmacies;
- (ix) convenience stores, food stores, supermarkets, meat shops, butchers,

distributors of carbonated and other beverages, including spirits (including potable water) and food;

(x) street food vendors,

provided that street food vendors shall operate from home for take-out and delivery only;

(xi) banks and financial institutions (including commercial banks, credit unions, money lending institutions, money transfer institutions, pawn shops); and

(b) 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the service of take-out, delivery or drive thru' facility at restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments;

(c) 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;

provided that such business, service or office shall ensure that its shift system is such that every employee required to work during the hours of curfew shall report to work prior to the commencement of curfew,

provided further that such business, service or office may conduct operations within its private property throughout the period of time during curfew.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation—

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(a) construction work shall not be conducted;

(b) every business, establishment or service not specified under sub-regulation (1) shall be closed.

PART III

Regulations for other specified areas

Application.

9. The regulations under this Part shall apply to the following areas—

(a) Belize District, excluding Ambergris Caye;

(b) Corozal District;

(c) Orange Walk District, excluding the villages of Santa Martha, Shipyard and Guinea Grass;

(d) Cayo District;

(e) Stann Creek District; and

(f) Toledo District.

10.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, a curfew is hereby imposed for the areas specified under regulation 9 during the hours of 9:00 p.m. until 4:59 a.m. of the following morning.

Curfew.

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2020.

(2) For the purposes of sub-regulation (1), no person shall be on the streets or in any public place or on any public road between the hours specified in that sub-regulation.

(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 for health (including hospitals which are statutory bodies), nor to any other worker who possesses a pass badge issued by the Minister responsible for national security.

(4) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, no minor shall be on any public road or in any public place during the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:59 p.m. unless that minor is accompanied by his parent or guardian.

11. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no person shall gather in numbers of more than ten persons at a time anywhere in the areas specified under regulation 9, whether in any public place or public space.

Social
gatherings.

12. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, exercise by walking, running, and cycling shall be allowed subject to the following conditions—

Exercising.

- (a) a person shall practice social distancing protocols and maintain a minimum of six feet distance between persons while exercising; and
- (b) a cyclist shall ride in single file only.

Closure of bars, rum shops, casinos, etc.

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13. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, the following shall be closed during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation–

- (a) bars, rum shops, discotheques, and night clubs;
- (b) casinos and gaming establishments; and
- (c) gymnasiums.

Restriction on social activities.

14. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no person shall host nor attend–

- (a) a private party which includes any person from outside of the immediate household of the house occupant;
- (b) a recreational or competitive sporting event;
- (c) a wedding which hosts ten or more persons other than the bride, bridegroom, official witnesses and the marriage officer;
- (d) a banquet, ball or reception;
- (e) any social event;
- (f) a funeral, except ten members of the immediate family and at least one officiant and essential mortuary staff;

- (g) a meeting of a fraternal society, private or social club or civic association or organization; or
- (h) a church service or other service of worship.

15.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, spas, beauty salons and barbershops shall be allowed to operate, subject to the following conditions-

Restriction on spas, beauty salons and barbershops.

- (a) services offered shall be by appointment only; and
- (b) only two customers shall be allowed to be in a spa, beauty salon or barber shop at any one time, the customer being attended to and the customer who is waiting.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1)-

- (a) if the square footage of a spa, beauty salon or barber shop is such that social distancing protocols cannot be observed between both customers, there shall only be one customer at a time; or
- (b) if the square footage of a spa, beauty salon or barbershop is such that social distancing protocols can be observed, that spa, beauty salon or barber shop may determine the number of customers permitted in the spa, beauty salon or barbershop, provided that the determined number is proportionate to the square footage of the spa, beauty salon or barber shop and the social distancing protocols to be observed.

16. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19-

Restriction on restaurants, saloons, diners, etc. and street food vendors.

- (a) restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments shall not operate for dining in services and shall offer only the service of take-out, delivery or drive thru'; and
- (b) street food vendors shall offer only the service of take-out or delivery from a private property.

PART IV

Regulations for the entire country of Belize

Application.

17. The regulations under this Part shall apply to the entire country of Belize.

Closure of businesses, services and offices.

18.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every business, service or office shall close no later than 8:00 p.m.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every business, service or office that holds a licence or permit to operate, which licence or permit prescribes conditions for the closure of that business, service or office—

- (a) at a time earlier than the time specified under sub-regulation (1), that business, service or office shall close at the time specified in the licence or permit;
- (b) at a time later than the time specified under sub-regulation (1), that business, service or office shall close at the time specified under sub-regulation (1).

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), the following businesses, services or offices shall operate twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week—

- (a) food mills;
- (b) sugar, citrus and other approved food production factories;
- (c) oil production and drilling for oil exploration;
- (d) port operations and services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and aircrafts, and delivery to and from ports;
- (e) public utilities and independent energy producers which provide energy to public utilities;

provided that such business, service or office shall ensure that its shift system is such that every employee required to work during the hours of curfew shall report to work prior to the commencement of curfew,

provided further that such business, service or office may conduct operations within its private property throughout the period of time during curfew.

19.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19 every person shall, at all times and in every place, whether public or private, wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering,

Wearing of masks.

provided that children under the age of six years old shall not be required to wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1) a person shall not be required to wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering if that person is-

- (a) at a private residence;
- (b) exercising;
- (c) swimming, only in areas to which Part III applies; or
- (d) driving alone or driving with immediate family members.

(3) No owner or manager of a business, office or establishment shall allow any person to enter or remain in that business, office or establishment without wearing and keeping on, a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(4) It shall be a defence to any proceedings under these Regulations for an owner or manager of a business, office or establishment to show that he took all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with sub-regulation (3).

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulation (1), the owner or manager of a business, office or establishment may prescribe the types of face masks or other face (nose and mouth) coverings which are permissible for entry to that business, office or establishment.

20.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every person shall practice social distancing.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1) the following persons shall not be required to practice social distancing—

- (a) persons of the same party swimming;
- (b) employees at a business or office allowed to operate under these Regulations, including a government office, where the square footage

of the building in proportion to the number of employees, does not allow for the observance of social distancing protocols,

provided that all such employees shall at all times wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

21.—(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every business, office or establishment allowed to operate under these Regulations, including government offices, shall abide by social distancing protocols if the square footage of that business or office allows for persons to maintain a distance of six feet from other persons.

Social distancing protocols and other requirements for businesses and offices.

(2) If the square footage of a business or office, including a government office, allows for persons to maintain a distance of six feet from other persons, that business or office, including a government office shall—

- (a) ensure that all customers and staff maintain physical distancing of no less than six feet in or outside their business;
- (b) determine the number of persons that may be permitted in that business or office, including a government office, at any one time, provided that the determined number is proportionate to the square footage of the business or office and the social distancing protocols to be observed;
- (c) place distance markers six feet apart, indicating where each customer must stand in a line at a check out point;
- (d) place distance markers six feet apart on the outside of the establishment, indicating where

customers must stand while waiting to enter the business or office.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), every BPO company or business allowed to operate under these Regulations shall—

- (a) maintain, at any given time, a number of employees that is proportionate to the square footage of the establishment; and
- (b) observe social distancing protocols.

(4) Every BPO allowed to operate under these Regulations shall install or appoint a special internal auditor for COVID-19 who shall submit a written weekly report to the Ministry of Health detailing—

- (a) the number of employees of the BPO and the number of employees who presented themselves to work during the reported week;
- (b) the number of floors being utilized for the operation of the BPO;
- (c) the number of supervisors per floor during the reported week;
- (d) the number of employees who call in sick and who are working on a rotational basis;
- (e) the protocols being implemented and observed by the BPO;
- (f) any other information required by the Ministry responsible for health.

(5) The Ministry responsible for health may carry out spot checks and inspections of any business, office or

establishment allowed to operate under these regulations to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

(6) A business, office or establishment allowed to operate under these regulations found to be in contravention of any provision of these Regulations is liable to immediate closure of the BPO by Notice served on the BPO under the hand of the Director of Health Services.

22. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, schools shall remain closed.

Closure of schools.

23.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, employers shall implement measures to allow their employees to operate remotely where that business is one which the duties of the employee are capable of being performed from the employee's place of residence.

Operating remotely.

(2) Employees who are permitted to work remotely under sub-regulation (1) shall-

- (a) be available for work during that employee's normal working hours;
- (b) stay at home and observe social distancing protocols and curfew impositions; and
- (c) report to the employer as required or instructed.

(3) Where an employee's assigned tasks at his place of employment can only be discharged at his place of employment, that employee shall report to work unless instructed by the employer not to report to the place of work in order to try to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Transportation.

24.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19-

- (a) every person travelling on public transportation shall wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering for the duration of the travel;
- (b) no person who is not wearing a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering, shall be allowed by the operator or conductor of public transportation to board any means of public transportation; and
- (c) the operator and any conductor of, public transportation shall at all times during the travel, wear a face mask or other face (nose and mouth) covering.

(2) The provision of public transportation by any means is limited to seating capacity.

(3) While social distancing of six feet shall not be observed on any public transportation, every operator of public transportation shall have a hand sanitizer for use by every passenger.

(4) Every person travelling on a bus is required to purchase a ticket which will entitle the holder to queue up, observing social distancing of six feet between persons, for an orderly boarding of the bus.

(5) Every operator of public transportation arriving at a terminal in Belize shall instruct the passengers to dis-embark and oversee the sanitization of the said means of public transportation by personnel on site at the terminal.

(6) Prior to boarding any means of public transportation at a terminal, every passenger shall wash and sanitize his

hands at the conveniences provided at the terminal, and where passengers are picked up elsewhere than at a terminal where proper sanitization of hands could not occur, every passenger boarding that public transportation shall sanitize his hands using hand sanitizer that is provided by the operator of the public transportation as required under sub-regulation (3).

(7) It shall be a defence to any proceedings under these Regulations for an operator or conductor of public transportation to show that he took all reasonable measures to ensure compliance with his obligation under these regulations.

(8) Without prejudice to the foregoing, all passengers and public transportation providers shall abide by guidelines issued by the Ministry with responsibility for health, prior to boarding or disembarking from any means of public transportation utilized.

(9) This regulation shall not apply to the areas specified under regulation 3.

25.-(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, all ports of entry into and exit out of Belize shall be closed.

Ports of entry
and exit.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), ports of entry into and exit out of Belize shall not be closed to-

- (a) cargo flights and cargo shipments;
- (b) commercial courier flights;
- (c) emergency medical travel approved by the Director of Health Services in consultation with the Minister;
- (d) emergency flights approved by the Minister in concurrence with the Department of Civil Aviation;

- (e) persons allowed to return under regulation 26 and granted permission in accordance with regulation 27.

Entry of persons returning to Belize.

26.—(1) A person returning to Belize shall be allowed entry at any port of entry if that person—

- (a) is a Belizean or Permanent Resident returning from abroad with proof of having received urgent medical care;
- (b) is a Belizean or Permanent Resident required to be in Belize to assist health officials in Belize in urgent medical situations;
- (c) is a returning Belizean student or Permanent Resident student enrolled at, or a graduand of, an educational institution abroad;
- (d) is a returning Belizean national or Permanent Resident;
- (e) is a resident Belizean diplomat;
- (f) is a foreign diplomat resident in, and accredited to, Belize;
- (g) the holder of a valid work permit;
- (h) a consultant or specialist technician required to be in Belize to assist in an emergency or on a needs basis;
- (i) is a business person with investments in Belize.

(2) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, a person allowed entry pursuant to sub-regulation (1) shall

be put into immediate mandatory quarantine or self-isolation at the discretion of the Quarantine Authority.

27. A person qualified under regulation 26 who desires to return to Belize shall apply to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or to the nearest consulate or embassy for permission to enter prior to arriving at any port of entry in Belize.

Permission to enter Belize.

28.—(1) Every person entering or exiting Belize contrary to regulation 27 commits an offence is liable to—

Offence and penalty for entering or exiting Belize contrary to regulation 27.

- (a) mandatory quarantine; and
- (b) six months imprisonment.

(2) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under this regulation is liable, in addition to the imposition of mandatory quarantine, to imprisonment for a period of one year.

(3) A person who is liable to mandatory quarantine under this regulation shall, if convicted, be quarantined—

- (a) for a period of time as directed by the Quarantine Authority; and
- (b) at a place to be determined by the Quarantine Authority.

(4) Where a person arrested and charged but not convicted under this regulation is liable to mandatory quarantine, that person shall be subject to mandatory quarantine under regulation 29.

29.—(1) The following procedures shall be followed on the arrest and charge of a person who enters or exists Belize in contravention of regulation 27—

Procedure on arrest and charge of persons entering or exiting Belize illegally.

- (a) upon arrest and charge, the person shall immediately be submitted to the Ministry responsible for health for testing;
- (b) after testing, the person arrested and charged shall be taken to court to be arraigned; and
- (c) after arraignment, the person shall be quarantined for the period directed by the Quarantine Authority, whether or not that person has been granted bail.

(2) If a person who has been arrested cannot immediately be charged, or if charged, cannot immediately be taken to court after being tested by the Ministry responsible for health, that person shall—

- (a) be isolated in a cell at the police station in the judicial district where the offence was committed; and
- (b) be brought before the court at its earliest sitting.

(3) After the completion of the period of quarantine directed by the Quarantine Authority, a person arraigned shall be—

- (a) released pending trial if that person was granted bail; or
- (b) remanded pending trial if that person was not granted bail.

(4) Notwithstanding the pronouncement by the magistrate of the guilt or innocence of a person arrested and charged, that person shall serve the period of mandatory quarantine prior to being committed to prison or released, as the case may be.

(5) Where a person charged under regulation 28 is found guilty of the offence, that person shall serve the term of imprisonment as directed by the magistrate after completing the period of mandatory quarantine directed by the Quarantine Authority.

30.—(1) A person who develops flu-like symptoms and who reasonably suspects he is infected with COVID-19 or that he may have had contact with someone who has travelled to or from a country affected by COVID-19—

**Mandatory
quarantine.**

- (a) shall immediately inform the Ministry with responsibility for health; and
- (b) at the person's own expense, shall be put into immediate mandatory quarantine at the direction of, and for a period of time as directed by, the Quarantine Authority and in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry responsible for health.

(2) A directive by the Quarantine Authority to quarantine a person under this regulation shall be given in writing and addressed to the person being put in quarantine and shall include any guidelines or additional measures of the Ministry with responsibility for health.

(3) The Quarantine Authority shall direct that a log be kept of every person put into quarantine under this regulation and that details be recorded of the person's progress during the period of time under quarantine.

(4) Upon completion of the time period of quarantine under this regulation, if the person exhibits no flu-like symptoms, the person may be released from quarantine at the direction of the Quarantine Authority.

(5) Where a person kept under quarantine develops flu-like symptoms, the Quarantine Authority shall direct that

the person be put into immediate isolation at a designated hospital or other isolation centre.

(6) The Quarantine Authority may issue any directives or institute any administrative measures necessary in carrying out the mandate of this regulation.

Offences in
relation to
mandatory
quarantine.

31.-(1) A person commits an offence if that person-

- (a) contravenes regulation 30; or
- (b) escapes or leaves mandatory quarantine before the period of time directed by the Quarantine Authority.

(2) A person who commits an offence under this regulation is liable on summary conviction to-

- (a) mandatory quarantine; and
- (b) six months imprisonment.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under this regulation is liable, in addition to the imposition of mandatory quarantine, to imprisonment for a period of one year.

PART V

Miscellaneous

Restriction on
independent
private
practice
during period
of public
emergency.
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2020.

32. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, for the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, no medical officer employed by the Government of Belize, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, shall engage in independent private practice.

33. Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law, for the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, every medical practitioner engaged in independent private practice, during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation, shall report to the Director of Health Services, or his designate, every patient which he has attended to which is exhibiting flu-like symptoms or who is exhibiting respiratory conditions or experiencing respiratory complications or other similar respiratory issue.

Duty of medical practitioners engaged in independent private practice to report. S.I. 110 of 2020.

34. For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID-19, any person found with a good that is prohibited or restricted under the Customs Regulation Act shall be deemed to be a person entering Belize contrary to regulation 27 and liable to the penalty under regulation 28.

Persons deemed to be entering Belize contrary to regulation 27. CAP. 49.

35.—(1) Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations or incites or attempts to incite any other person to contravene any of these Regulations commits an offence.

General offence and penalty.

(2) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations for which no penalty is specifically provided is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or to imprisonment for two (2) years.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offence under these Regulations for which no penalty is specifically provided is liable to imprisonment for a period of two years.

(4) It shall be the duty of every member of the security forces to enforce, using force if necessary, compliance with these Regulations and with any order, rules instruction or condition lawfully made, given or imposed by any officer or other person under the authority of this regulation, and for

such purpose any member of the security forces may enter any premises, board any ship or aircraft, without a warrant.

(5) Any member of the security forces may arrest, without a warrant, any person whom he has reasonable cause to believe to have committed any offence against these Regulations or any order, rules instruction or condition lawfully made, given or imposed by any officer or other person under the authority of this regulation.

(6) For the purposes of this regulation, any member of the security forces may confiscate any vessel or other conveyance or thing which is in any way used in the commission of an offence under these Regulations.

Repeal and
savings.

36.—(1) Upon the commencement of these Regulations, the Belize Constitution (Emergency Powers) Regulations, 2020, Statutory Instrument No. 119 of 2020, is repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal, nothing in these Regulations shall affect anything done, any proceedings taken or a right which has accrued or a liability which has been incurred under the repealed Regulations before the coming into force of these Regulations and anything done, any proceedings taken or a right which has accrued or a liability which has been incurred under the repealed Regulations shall be deemed to have been done, taken, accrued or incurred, as the case may be, under these Regulations.

Commencement.

37. These Regulations shall come into force on the 23rd day of August, 2020.

SCHEDULE
[regulation 2]

Essential Services

1. Ministry of National Security
2. Department of Border Management and Immigration Services
3. Customs and Excise Department
4. Cabinet members and members of the National Assembly
5. National Assembly Staff
6. Medical and auxiliary services
 - (a) including veterinary services;
 - (b) services by private medical institutions including private clinics;
and
 - (c) ambulance services,
7. Officers of the Forestry Department, protected areas rangers executing monitoring or patrol duties
8. Environmental officers responding to emergencies or executing monitoring duties
9. National Meteorological Service
10. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, embassy, consulate and international organisation personnel responding to emergencies
11. Transport Officers, Department of Transport, responding to emergencies or executing patrol monitoring
12. Geology and petroleum officers in the execution of monitoring duties
13. National Emergency Management Organization (Emergency Operations Centre), including public officers and committee members executing their duties

14. private security services
15. public utility workers and auxiliary staff responding to emergencies
16. social workers authorized to respond to emergencies
17. sanitation workers and auxiliary staff
18. productive sector industries, personnel and auxiliary workers (potable water production, agricultural workers)
19. media(workers supporting radio, newspapers and online media services)
20. Belize Port Authority
21. Office of the Governor-General
22. The National Fire Service
23. Speednet Communications Limited (Smart)

MADE by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Colville N. Young
this 22nd day of August, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. N. Young', written in a cursive style.

(SIR COLVILLE N. YOUNG)
G.C.M.G., M.B.E., PhD., J.P.(S)
Governor-General

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