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TO : ALL HEADS OF MISSION
FROM : ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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RE: NEW REGULATIONS AFTER THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IN NAMIBIA

1. This Circular serves to forward the Government Gazette on the new Public Health Covid-19, General Regulations, after the State of Emergency expired on 17 September 2020.
2. These regulations came into operation on 24 September 2020 and cease to have effect on 21 October 2020.
3. The Missions attention is drawn to the following issues in the attached Government Gazette of 23 September 2020, Sub-Regulations 8, 9 and 27. Missions within SADC should take note of Regulation 19, which is referring to cross-border drivers.

3.1 Restriction relating to entry into Namibia

- 3.1.1 The categories of persons who may enter Namibia is identified under Sub-Regulation 8 (1) of the document, however in Sub-Regulation 8 (2), it states that a person who is not a Namibian citizen, does not hold a permanent residence permit for Namibia or is not domiciled in Namibia or otherwise lawfully resident in Namibia, may enter Namibia for business, education, health or tourism purposes, subject to Immigration Control Act, sub regulations (3) and (4) and the directives.

The afore-mentioned categories except tourist are required to obtain prior approval through the Missions before travelling to Namibia, as travelers except tourist are required to quarantine at own cost.

- 3.1.2 Regulation 8 (4) states that a person permitted to enter Namibia under sub regulation (2) may not enter Namibia unless such persons at the time of entering Namibia present to an authorized person a negative SARS-COV PCR test result, not older than 7 days.

Namibians who are not able to obtain a negative SARC-COV PCT test result is not obliged to provide such upon arrival and will be tested during the quarantine period in Namibia.

- 3.1.2 With regard to persons permitted to enter Namibia and informing Namibian diplomatic Missions 14 days in advance, the Ministry wish to indicate that this is not necessary for tourist as Airlines are informing the Ministry of Health and Social Services as well as the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. However, other categories need prior approval as stated in 3.1.1.

4. Quarantine and COVID-19 testing

- 4.1 Subregulation 9(1) states that any person who enters Namibia as contemplated in regulation 8 is subject to quarantine requirements as set out in these regulations and the directives.
- 4.2 Subregulation 9 (2) All persons permitted to enter Namibia in terms of regulations 8, must on entering Namibia be tested for COVID-19 during the period of quarantine.
- 4.3 Furthermore, all persons entering Namibia are subject to mandatory quarantine at own cost, however Namibians as identified in Subregulation 9 (4) (a) can still apply for state funded quarantine.
- 4.4 Please note that Namibians are allowed to self-quarantine at their residences and will bear the cost of such quarantine. Nevertheless, such request should be received well in advance for inspection by the Health Inspectors and consideration by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, prior to arrival. On the application for self-quarantine, the residential address as well as a contact no should be provided.
5. Mission in SADC should take note of Subregulation (19) 1, referring to cross-border drivers and other persons arriving in Namibia by road.
6. Missions should also take note of Subregulation 27 (1) relating to Members of diplomatic missions and consular post who intend to travel to Namibia.

7. The Immigration Control Act 7 of 1993 is attached for ease of reference.

It will be highly appreciated if Missions could familiarize themselves with the new Regulations.

Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated.