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Statutory Instrument No. 62 of 2020

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT  
(Cap. 22:04)

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020**  
(Published on 5th April, 2020)

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation and commencement
2. General amendment of Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)
3. Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations
4. Amendment of regulation 7 of the Regulations
5. Insertion of regulation 30A in the Regulations
6. Amendment of Schedule to the Regulations

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and in exercise of the powers conferred on the President by section 3 of the Emergency Powers Act, the following Regulations are hereby made —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Emergency (COVID-19) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, shall commence on publication and shall be subject to the affirmation by a resolution of the National Assembly. Citation and commencement
2. The Emergency (COVID-19) Regulations (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) are amended by substituting for the words “place of residence” wherever they appear in the Regulations, the word “home”. Amendment of Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.)
3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended — Amendment of regulation 2 of the Regulations
  - (a) by inserting in its correct alphabetical order, the following new definition —  
“home” means a place where a person resides alone or as a member of a family or household, including in a multi-residential property:  
Provided that a home may, subject to regulation 8, include a ploughing field (*masimo*) or a cattle post (*moraka*); and
  - (b) in the definition of “essential services” by —
    - (i) substituting for paragraph (x), the following new paragraph —  
“(x) communication services, including the media;”, and
    - (ii) substituting for the word “Government” appearing in paragraph (oo), the word “Government”.
4. Regulation 7 of the Regulations is amended - Amendment of regulation 7 of the Regulations
  - (a) in subregulation (1), by substituting for the words “Form A or B as set out in Schedule 1”, the words “the Form in Schedule 1”; and
  - (b) in subregulation (2), by substituting for the words “Subject to subregulation (1) (e), a person”, the words “A person referred to in subregulation (1) (f)”.
5. The Regulations are amended by inserting immediately after regulation 30, the following new regulation — Insertion of regulation 30A in the Regulations.

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“Prohibition of importation or sale of tobacco, etc.

30A. (1) The importation or sale of tobacco or tobacco-related products is prohibited during the state of public emergency.

(2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence.”.

Amendment of Schedule to the Regulations

**6.** The Regulations are amended by substituting for the Schedule, the following new Schedule –

“Schedule 1”



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FORM

(reg. 7 (1))

**DECLARATION FORM OF EXCEPTIONAL MOVEMENT OF PERSONS  
DURING STATE OF PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

(To be filled in duplicate)

<b>Applicant's Details:</b>			
Surname			
First, Middle Names			
Sex (tick where appropriate)	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Identity No. (Omang)/Passport No.			
Nationality			
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)			
Physical Address			
Plot/House Number			
Ward			
Village/City			
Email Address:			
Mobile/Contact No 1:			
Mobile/Contact No 2:			
Household Characteristics:	Multiple houses	Single house	Private toilet shared toilets
Other (Please describe)			
<b>Contact details of household members</b>			
<b>Contacts:</b>			
Surname:			

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First, Middle Names:	
Mobile No:	
Surname	
First, Middle Names	
Mobile No:	
I declare that the need to travel from (insert date) .....to (insert date).....is due to the following reasons:	
<b>Category of Permit (Fill appropriate Part) State reasons below (as applicable)</b>	
<b>PART 1 - Essential Services (state):</b>	
Name of Organization:	
Contact Person:	
Designation:	
Mobile Numbers:	
<b>Provide travel details</b>	
Destination:	
Departure Date:	
Departure time:	
Return time:	
<b>PART 2- Transport of essential goods (state):</b>	
Name of Organization:	
Contact Person:	
Designation:	
Mobile Numbers:	
<b>Provide travel details</b>	
Departure:	
Destination:	
Departure Date:	
Departure time:	

Return time:	
<b>PART 3 – Special Permit</b>	
*Reason:	
<b>Provide travel details:</b>	
Departure:	
Destination:	
Date:	
Departure time:	
Return time:	
<b>Applicant Signature:</b>	
Date (Day/Month/Year)	
<b>FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY (To be completed by Authorizing Officer)</b>	
<b>Authorizing Office</b>	
Organization	
Contact Number	
<b>*If special permit is selected, provide details</b>	
<b>Approving Official</b>	
Surname	
First Name	
Designation	
Contact Number	
Time contacted	
Approving Officer's Signature	
Date (Day/Month/Year)	

OFFICIAL STAMP (where available)

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1. Each Ministry headquarters to determine officers who will be authorised to sign off.
2. At District level, District Commissioner (DC) and the Head of the District Health Management Team (DHMT) will coordinate in overseeing the granting of permission to travel by authorised officers e.g. Senior Government Officials, Dikgosi, Council Secretary, Headmen, Head of School/Training Institution, Police Officers, etc.
3. In a locality without the above, two Village Extension Teams (VET) approved by the District Commissioner will facilitate sign off on authorisation to travel. Typically, a health official (Nurse, etc.) should be part of the authorising team.
4. The authorised travel permit is valid for a maximum of 5 days from date of issue and will need renewal.
5. Authorised officials shall submit a copy of all issued permits, plus an accompanying summary (report) of permits issued on a daily basis to the NATIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (call 0800 600 111 or 369 8337)

MADE this 5th day of April, 2020.

DR. MOKGWEETSI ERIC KEABETSWE MASISI,  
*President*