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THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (ENFORCEMENT
MEASURES) (NO. 16) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) ORDER, 2020

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management has given written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Disaster Risk Management Act should be taken promptly:

AND WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, the Prime Minister by Order declared the whole of Jamaica to be a disaster area:

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, and every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 16) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 2020, and shall be read and construed as one with the Disaster

Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 16) Order, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Order), and all amendments thereto.

2. Paragraph 24A of the principal Order is amended—

- (a) in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), by deleting the words “December 31, 2020” and substituting therefor in each case the words “January 15, 2021”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraphs (4), (5), (7), (8) and (9), by deleting the words “December 30, 2020” and substituting therefor in each case the words “January 15, 2021”.

3. Paragraph 24B of the principal Order is amended—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (1) by deleting the words “January 4, 2021, a person” and substituting therefor the words “January 31, 2021, a person, being a citizen of Jamaica,”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (4), by deleting the words “January 4, 2021” and substituting therefor the words “January 31, 2021”; and
- (c) by inserting next after sub-paragraph (8) the following sub-paragraph—

“ (9) During the period from January 5, 2021, to January 31, 2021, a person who is not a citizen of Jamaica, and who was in the United Kingdom within the period of fourteen days immediately before the date on which the person seeks to enter Jamaica, shall not be permitted to enter Jamaica.”.

4. The First Schedule of the principal Order is amended—

- (a) in Form B, by inserting next after the words “✓ NOT go to your workplace (working from home is permitted)” the following—

“ Notwithstanding the requirements detailed above, the Medical Officer (Health) may impose new or different requirements if the Medical Officer (Health) is of the opinion that circumstances have changed to necessitate the imposition of new or different requirements.”;

- (b) in Form C, by inserting before the words “*All persons who test positive OR become symptomatic are placed in isolation*” the following—

“ Notwithstanding the requirements detailed above, the Medical Officer (Health) may impose new or different requirements if the Medical Officer (Health) is of the opinion that circumstances have changed to necessitate the imposition of new or different requirements.”;

- (c) in Form D, by inserting next after the words “You are required to report symptoms to the health desk in your hotel or to the health department and based on assessment, you may be required to repeat the COVID-19 test.” the following—

“ Notwithstanding the requirements detailed above, the Medical Officer (Health) may impose new or different requirements if the Medical Officer

(Health) is of the opinion that circumstances have changed to necessitate the imposition of new or different requirements.”; and

- (d) in Form E, by inserting next after the words “ - Maintain a 6-feet (1m) distance from others” the following—

“ Notwithstanding the requirements detailed above, the Medical Officer (Health) may impose new or different requirements if the Medical Officer (Health) is of the opinion that circumstances have changed to necessitate the imposition of new or different requirements.”.

Dated this 30th day of December, 2020.

ANDREW HOLNESS
Prime Minister.