

S.I. 42 of 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 2015

(Act 13 of 2015)

Public Health (Infectious Disease) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 64 and section 65 of the Public Health Act, 2015, the President being the Minister responsible for health makes the following regulations —

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Health (Infectious Disease) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020. Citation

2. The Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations are hereby amended as follows — Amendment of S.I. 8 of 1960

- (a) by repealing the word “Director” wherever it appears and substituting therefor the word “Commissioner”;
- (b) by inserting after regulation 7, the following regulations —

Restriction on entry to, exit from and return to Seychelles

“7A.(1) Where a public health emergency or the incidence of infectious disease renders it necessary to restrict or prohibit the entry into or exit of any person or class of persons from Seychelles, the Commissioner, may make orders prohibiting the entry into or exit of any person or class of persons from Seychelles within a specified period and with such restrictions or

exemptions as may be specified in the order.

(2) No citizen of Seychelles shall exit from Seychelles within a period of 30 days from 23rd March, 2020.

(3) Any person who exits Seychelles using a non-Seychelles passport during a period of 30 days from 23rd March, 2020 shall undertake not to return to Seychelles for a period of 3 months from the date of exit from Seychelles.

(4) Any person seeking an exemption from the operation of subregulations (1), (2) or (3) shall make an application to the Minister and the Minister may on the recommendation of the Commissioner either grant or refuse the application.

Compulsory
medical
examination
etc.

7B.(1) Where a person returns to Seychelles after the publication of a Public Health Emergency Notice or where the incidence of infectious disease renders it necessary that person shall be required to undergo medical examination, medical surveillance or isolation or quarantine, as the case may be.

(2) Any person who is not a citizen of Seychelles and refuses to undergo the necessary requirements under subregulation (1) shall not be

allowed entry into Seychelles and the person in charge of an aircraft or vessel that brought into Seychelles the person that has been prohibited entry into Seychelles and the owners, agents and charterers of such aircraft or vessel shall, upon being required to remove such person from Seychelles, be responsible for such removal as soon as practicable thereafter and the provisions of section 6 of the Immigration Decree shall apply.”.

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- (c) by repealing in regulation 9(b) the words “Medical Officer of Health” and substituting therefor the word “Commissioner”;
- (d) by repealing in regulation 9(c) the words “Medical Officer of Health” and substituting therefor the word “Commissioner”;
- (e) by repealing in regulation 11 the words “Rs.500 or to imprisonment not exceeding 3 months” appearing in paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting therefor the words “SCR20,000 or to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years”;
- (f) by inserting after regulation 13 the following regulations —

Prohibition or
restriction of
movement of
persons
outdoors

“13A.(1) Where a public health emergency or the incidence of infectious disease renders it necessary or expedient to restrict or prohibit the movement of persons outdoors during any specified hours within Seychelles or within any

specified area, the Commissioner may make an order restricting, prohibiting or controlling the movement outdoors of any person or class of persons or the transport of persons within Seychelles or within such area and during such hours as may be specified in the order.

(2) The Commissioner of Police may in consultation with the Commissioner, on such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Police may impose, issue a permit to a person or class of persons to be outdoors for the sole purpose of leaving his or her place of residence to his or her place of work, and leaving his or her place of work to his or her place of residence.

(3) Any person who contravenes an order without reasonable excuse commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SCR20,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both.

Publication
of orders

13B. An order made under regulations 7A and 13A shall be—

- (a) made in writing and shall be published in print, audio and visual media; and
- (b) published in the Gazette as soon as practicable.

Assisting the person in quarantine centre or isolation centre to abscond

“13C. Any person who encourages, harbours or assists a person to abscond from the quarantine centre or isolation centre or obstructs the apprehension of infected person, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SCR20,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both.

Information to Public Health Officer

13D.(1) Any person who has information about any other person suffering with any infectious disease shall inform the same to the Public Health Officer at the earliest with all the possible details of the person suffering with such infectious disease, available with him including the following —

- (a) Name of the person;
- (b) Personal Identification Number or Passport number;
- (c) Travel history;
- (d) Medical details;
- (e) details of persons with whom he had contacts and locations; and
- (f) any other details as may be specified by the Public Health Officer.

(2) Any person, who has the contact details of a person suspected of having any infectious disease may provide such contact details to the Public Health Officer at the earliest to trace out such person.

(3) Any person, who fails to comply with the provisions of subregulation (1) or (2), commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SCR20,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both.

Disclosure of
confidential
information

13E.(1) No Public Health Officer, telephone hotline operator or any volunteer working in the health department or the Health Care Agency shall disclose the details or any confidential information of any patient or individual to any unauthorised person or to any communication media.

(2) Any person, who fails to comply with the provisions of subregulation (1), commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding SCR20,000 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both.

(g) by repealing in regulation 20, the words “Rs.1000” and substituting therefor the words “SCR20,000”.

MADE this 23rd day of March, 2020.

**DANNY FAURE
PRESIDENT**
