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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.

(Gazetted 11th April, 2020.)

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

BELIZE CONSTITUTION (EMERGENCY POWERS) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) REGULATIONS, 2020

and shall be read and construed as one with the Belize Constitution (Emergency Powers) Regulations, 2020 which, as amended, are hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations.

2. The principal regulations are amended in regulation 5–

(a) in subregulation (2)(a)(ii) by deleting the word “attention” and substituting the word “emergencies”;

(b) by repealing subregulation (2A); and

(c) in subregulation (2B) by–

(i) renumbering as subregulation (2A); and

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Amendment of regulation 5.
(ii) deleting the words “in the Cayo District”.

3. The principal Regulations are amended by repealing regulation 5A.

4. The principal regulation is amended in regulation 8 by–

(a) repealing subregulation (1) and substituting the following–

“(1) For the purposes of preventing, controlling, containing and suppressing the spread of the infectious disease COVID 19, the following businesses, service or offices may operate during the period of public emergency declared by Proclamation only, 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 the management, between the hours of–

(a) 5:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.–

(i) fuel stations, fuel depots, LPG suppliers, LPS depots and LPG distributors;

(ii) agro-processors, food and carbonated and other beverage manufacturers;

provided that only agro-processors and food manufacturers shall be allowed to operate for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations;

(iii) agricultural and aquaculture farms;

(iv) fishers;
(v) waste disposal and sanitation companies and auxiliary personnel;

(vi) productive sector industries, personnel and auxiliary workers (potable water production; agricultural workers);

(vii) public transportation providers,

provided however that no public transportation providers except for taxis shall operate for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations,

provided further that taxis allowed to operate under this paragraph shall not operate from any taxi stand;

(b) 5:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., bakeries and tortilla factories;

(c) 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., markets (agricultural produce, fish and meat);

(d) 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the following establishments–

(i) pharmacies;

(ii) hotels, villas and other rental accommodations,

provided that hotels, villas and other rental accommodations shall not be open for general business to the public and shall be opened only for the purposes of maintenance and housekeeping by its employees;
and provided further that where a hotel, villa or establishment houses a restaurant, that restaurant shall offer only services of take-out or drive thru;

(iii) store front outlets for essential businesses (public utilities companies),

provided however that store front outlets for essential businesses (public utilities companies) shall not operate for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations;

(iv) service of take-out or drive thru’ facility only, at restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments,

provided however that service of take-out or drive thru’ facility only, at restaurants, saloons, diners and other similar establishments shall not operate for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations;

(v) international delivery services by international delivery service providers (such as DHL, Federal Express (FedEx) Amerijet, etc.);

(vi) domestic delivery services related strictly to meals, groceries, medical supplies and equipment;

(vii) wholesalers of goods and services directly related to an approved business allowed to operate under these Regulations—
provided that the wholesalers shall operate only to supply, to an approved business allowed to operate under these Regulations, by delivery only but such wholesaler shall not be open for business to the general public,

provided further that where a business is both a wholesaler and a retailer shall, that business shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, operate as a wholesaler only,

(viii) the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Centre (and any research undertaken or being done),

(e) 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the following establishments–

(i) convenience stores, food stores, supermarkets, meat shops, butchers, distributors and factories of carbonated and other beverages, including spirits (excluding potable water) and food,

provided however that distributors and factories of carbonated and other beverages, including spirits (excluding potable water) shall not operate for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations;

(ii) mechanic shops, garages and auto parts stores,

provided however that mechanic shops, garages and auto parts stores
shall not be open to the general public for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations, but during that period, shall provide services to the essential services sector;

(f) 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., financial institutions (including commercial banks, credit unions, money lending institutions, money transfer institutions, pawn shops);

(g) 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;

(h) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., all offices listed in Schedule II, provided that those offices shall be closed to the public for a period of fourteen days from the commencement of these Regulations.”; and
(b) in subregulation (3) by deleting the words “in the Cayo District”.

5. These Regulations come into force on April 11th, 2020.  

MADE by His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Colville N. Young this 11th day of April, 2020.

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