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NOTIFICATION

The Ministry of Health vide Notification No. MOH/COVID-19/2019-2020/7651 dated March 23, 2020 made it mandatory for every individual entering Bhutan to be quarantined. The notifications further reiterated, re-enforced and upscale the quarantine surveillance efforts and adopted a zero-tolerance approach towards the defaulters.

To ensure strict compliance on the Dos and Don'ts and to intensify measures to mitigate and prevent the spread of COVID-19; the following shall be interpreted as violations:

- a. Quarantined individuals attempting to move items out of the quarantine facility either by throwing it out of the window or through other means;
- b. The family members, relatives or friends receiving or attempting to receive items from the quarantined individual;
- c. Quarantined individuals sneaking into other rooms in the quarantine facility; or
- d. All individuals breaching travel restrictions and entering the country through illegal routes.

In the event of breach of the aforementioned violations, one shall be liable for the following

- a) Individuals under quarantine shall bear the mandatory actual quarantine expenses and serve additional ten days of community service after 1 week from the date of discharge as specified by the Department of Law & Order. Whenever an individual is unable to bear the quarantine expenses, he/she shall serve an additional 21 days of community service;
- b) Individuals not under quarantine shall be subject to mandatory quarantine and bear actual expenses. In addition, they shall also serve ten days community service.
- c) Individuals breaching travel restrictions and entering the country through illegal routes shall be subject to mandatory quarantine and bear all expenses relating thereto. In addition, upon completion of the quarantine they may be subject to criminal prosecution as per the laws of the country.
- d) Quarantined individuals shall also bear the cost of properties damaged in the quarantine facility other than normal wear and tear.
- e) Any individuals failing to comply with aforementioned penalties under (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall be liable to be prosecuted in the court of law.



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This Notification shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and shall remain effective until revoked.

Done in the Ministry of Health, this 1st day of May in the year 2020.

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