

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 26

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

(CAP. 34:01)

PUBLIC HEALTH (CORONA VIRUS AND COVID-19) (PREVENTION, CONTAINMENT AND MANAGEMENT) (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) RULES, 2021

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 31 as read with section 29 of the Public Health Act, I, KHUMBIZE KANDODO CHIPONDA, Minister of Health, make the following Rules—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Public Health (Corona Virus and COVID-19) (Prevention, Containment and Management) (Amendment) (No.2) Rules, 2021. Citation

2. The Public Health (Corona Virus and COVID-19) (Prevention, Containment and Management) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”) are amended, in rule 2, by deleting the definition of the word “gathering” and substituting therefor, the following new definition— Amendment of r.2 to Cap.34:01 Sub. leg. G.N.48/2020

“gathering” means an assembly, concourse or procession of—

(a) more than one hundred persons, in the case of an indoor event; or

(b) more than two hundred and fifty persons, in the case of an outdoor event;”.

3. The principal Rules are amended, in rule 14, by revoking subrule (3) and replacing therefor a new subrule (3) as follows— Amendment of r.14 of the principal Rules

“(3) A person entering into Malawi shall—

(a) be required to produce a valid negative COVID-19 PCR test certificate obtained—

(i) from an accredited or designated laboratory in the country of origin of his trip; and

(ii) within 72 hours prior to his arrival in Malawi, except for a truck driver and his assistant, whose Covid-19 PCR test negative certificates shall remain valid for a period of 14 days from the date the test was done, as per the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite Agreement;

(b) comply with preventive measures under rule 3(1); and

(c) be tested for COVID-19 on arrival.”.

4. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended, by revoking paragraph (3). Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal Rules

Amendment
of the Fifth
Schedule to
the principal
Rules

5. The Fifth Schedule to the principal Rules is amended—
- (a) in paragraph 2 (1) (a) (iv) (aa), by deleting the words “sixty per cent” and substituting therefor, the words “seventy-five percent”;
- (b) in paragraph 2 (2)(b)(i), by deleting the words “sixty per cent” and substituting therefor, the words “seventy-five percent”;
- (c) by revoking paragraph 2 (3) (a) and substituting therefor, the following new paragraph—
- “(a) the seating capacity of trains shall be reduced to seventy-five per cent;” and
- (d) in paragraph 2 (4)(a)(i), by deleting the words “sixty per cent” and substituting therefor, the words “seventy-five percent”.

Amendment of
the Sixth
Schedule to the
principal Rules

6. The Sixth Schedule to the principal Rules is amended—
- (a) in paragraph 1 (a), by deleting the words “to 08:00pm” and substituting therefor, the words “up to the time prescribed in their respective licences, but not later than 12:00 midnight”; and
- (b) in paragraph 2 (c), by deleting the words “and 08:00pm only” and substituting therefor, the words “up to the time prescribed in their respective licences”.

Made this 22nd day of April, 2021.

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K. K. CHIPONDA
Minister of Health