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*General Notice No. 497 of 2021*

#### THE QUARANTINE ACT 2020

##### **Temporary Restrictions of Movement Order (hereinafter referred to as “the Order”) made by the Prime Minister under section 3 of the Quarantine Act 2020**

1. WHEREAS by virtue of General Notice No. 465 of 2021, it was ordered, in view of the fact that there was still an epidemic of COVID-19 in Mauritius, that the quarantine period in Mauritius be extended until 31 May 2021.
2. WHEREAS section 3(1)(b) of the Quarantine Act 2020 provides that, during a quarantine period, the Prime Minister may, by Order, order that all persons shall remain indoor within such area and during such period, and under such terms and conditions, as he may specify.
3. WHEREAS in view of the fact that I was satisfied that it was necessary and expedient for the purposes of preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Mauritius, I ordered, by virtue of General Notice No. 467 of 2021, that no person, other than in the Island of Rodrigues, the Island of Agaléga and the Chagos Archipelago, shall remain outdoor in Mauritius as from 10 March 2021 at 6 a.m. until 25 March 2021 at 8 p.m.
4. NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the fact that I am still satisfied that it is necessary and expedient for the purposes of preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Mauritius, I hereby extend the Temporary Restrictions of Movement Order from 25 March 2021 at 8 p.m. to 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m., and I hereby order that no person, other than in the Island of Rodrigues, the Island of Agaléga, St. Brandon and the Chagos Archipelago, shall remain outdoor in Mauritius until 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m.

5. However, paragraph 4 shall not apply to the following persons –
- (a) employees of the public and private sector organisations providing essential services;
  - (b) employees of the Disciplined Force;
  - (c) a person who has to avail himself of medical treatment or procure medicine or any other item essential for his or his family's subsistence or livelihood;
  - (d) a member of the National Assembly, as from 29 March 2021 at 6 a.m. until 31 March 2021 at 6 a.m., for the purpose of attending a sitting of the National Assembly or any other meeting in relation to the sitting of the National Assembly;
  - (e) a Judge or Magistrate for the purpose of attending Court (in respect of minimum judicial services as the Chief Justice deems essential), and employees of Courts as may be designated by the Chief Justice;
  - (f) a barrister or an attorney whose services have been retained by a person to attend a police station, place of detention or Court;
  - (g) a medical practitioner for the purpose of attending a hospital, private medical institution or patient in need of urgent medical care;
  - (h) a pharmacist and his employees for the purpose of attending their place of work;
  - (i) employees of quarantine facilities, petrol service stations, port and airport and related businesses, cleaning and scavenging services and security services.
6. Nothing shall exempt any employer from his statutory obligations pertaining to the safety and health of his employees under any enactment which may be applicable.
7. This Order is being issued in the interest of public health and to protect the population. Members of the public are urged to be self-disciplined and to cooperate with the authorities and not to remain outdoor.
8. Any person who is found outdoor in breach of this Order shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.
9. This Order shall take effect on 25 March 2021 at 8 p.m. and shall lapse on 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m.

**P. K. JUGNAUTH**

*Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and  
External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues,  
Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity*

24 March 2021

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*General Notice No. 498 of 2021*

### **THE QUARANTINE ACT 2020**

#### **Closing Down Order issued by the Prime Minister under section 3(1)(c) of the Quarantine Act 2020**

1. WHEREAS by virtue of General Notice No. 465 of 2021, it was ordered, in view of the fact that there was still an epidemic of COVID-19 in Mauritius, that the quarantine period in Mauritius be extended until 31 May 2021.

2. WHEREAS section 3(1)(c) of the Quarantine Act 2020 provides that, during a quarantine period, the Prime Minister may, by Order, order that commercial premises or offices specified in the Order shall remain closed for such period and under such terms and conditions as he may specify.

3. WHEREAS I considered it necessary and expedient, for the purposes of preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Mauritius, to limit to the maximum extent practicable outdoor activities by members of the public, I ordered, by virtue of General Notice 469 of 2021, that all commercial premises and offices, other than the commercial premises and offices in the Island of Rodrigues, the Island of Agaléga, St. Brandon and the Chagos Archipelago, shall be closed and remain closed until 25 March 2021 at 8 p.m., except for the commercial premises and offices and in respect of the activities specified in that General Notice.

4. NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the fact that I still consider it necessary and expedient for the purposes of preventing the spread of COVID-19 in Mauritius, I hereby extend that period from 25 March 2021 to 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m., and I hereby order that all commercial premises and offices, other than the commercial premises and offices in the Island of Rodrigues, the Island of Agaléga, St. Brandon and the Chagos Archipelago, shall be closed and remain closed until 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m., except for the following commercial premises and offices and in respect of the following activities –

- (a) food and cooking gas distribution and associated logistics;
- (b) hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops and food retail shops will, subject to the conditions specified in Appendix, open on Monday to Saturday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.;
- (c) bakeries will open for the sole purpose of delivering breads to hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes and food retail shops;
- (d) banks will, subject to the conditions specified in Appendix, open during their normal hours;
- (e) hardware stores (*Quincailleries*) will open up to 6 p.m., subject to the conditions specified in the Appendix;
- (f) Courts (in respect of minimum judicial services as the Chief Justice deems essential);
- (g) doctor's offices and medical facilities, including private health institutions;
- (h) pharmacies and medical supply establishments;
- (i) petrol stations, subject to the conditions specified in the Appendix;
- (j) hotels being used as quarantine facilities;
- (k) port and airport and related businesses;
- (l) security services, including security guards services;
- (m) cleaning and scavenging services;
- (n) animal breeding, agricultural and fishing activities; and
- (o) agro-chemical retail outlets selling agricultural inputs.

5. However, hardware stores (*Quincailleries*) and meat/poultry/fish shops, more specifically in the geographical area in and around the towns and villages situated within the constituencies of La Caverne and Phoenix (No. 15), Vacoas and Floreal (No. 16) and Curepipe and Midlands (No. 17) shall be closed and remain closed until 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m.

6. Public sector organisations, including Ministries and Government Departments, public enterprises and statutory bodies providing essential services shall continue to operate as authorised.

7. Traders shall, at all times, observe all sanitary conditions imposed by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Traders shall wear protective masks and gloves. Social distancing shall be observed on commercial premises.
8. A police officer may use such measures as may be necessary to ensure compliance with this Order.
9. Any person who fails to comply with this Order shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years.
10. This Order shall take effect on 25 March 2021 at 8 p.m. and shall lapse on 31 March 2021 at 8 p.m.

**P. K. JUGNAUTH**

*Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and  
External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues,  
Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity*

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**APPENDIX**

**CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL PREMISES SUCH AS  
HYPERMARKETS/SUPERMARKETS/SUPERETTES, MEAT/POULTRY/  
FISH SHOPS/ FOOD RETAIL SHOPS AND OTHER AUTHORISED  
ACTIVITIES UNTIL 31 MARCH 2021**

1. (a) Access to hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops, food retail shops, banks, hardware shops (*Quincailleries*) and petrol stations shall be controlled on the principle of alphabetical categorisation of customers. Access to customers thereto shall be granted only on presentation, in case of a –
  - (i) citizen of Mauritius, his National Identity Card or passport;
  - (ii) foreigner, his passport or residence, occupation or work permit.
- (b) All customers will be able to shop strictly on allocated days as indicated hereunder –

Surname starting from –

A-F (Monday and Thursday)

G-N (Tuesday and Friday)

O-Z (Wednesday and Saturday)
2. Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops shall arrange for social distancing markings outside and inside their respective outlets. Outlets at hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops will demarcate queuing lines by way of floor markings. Outlets will also demarcate social distancing inside their premises. Customers shall adhere strictly to these markings.
3. Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops and food retail shops will open on Monday to Saturday between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops and food retail shops shall remain closed on Sundays.
4. All fresh products and meat should be pre-packed, pre-weighed and pre-priced (no loose vegetable and fruit shall be available). Bread for sale shall be pre-packed and pre-priced.
5. Operators of all commercial premises shall provide to their employees masks, gloves and hand sanitisers.

6. Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops and banks shall provide extra perspex barriers at the tills. Where appropriate, alternate tills must be opened to ensure social distancing.
  7. Each person shall be allowed to use only one trolley for purchase of essential supplies.
  8. Single traffic flow of customers/one-way system shall be enforced within the hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops.
  9. Each customer shall be allowed to stay for a maximum of 30 minutes inside the hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops.
  10. Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops shall ensure that all trolleys and/or baskets are sanitised before delivery to each customer.
  11. Customers will have to wear protective masks at all times. Operators of all commercial premises shall provide hand sanitisers at entry and exit.
  12. Entry to any commercial premises will be refused to a customer showing flu-like symptoms (high temperature, runny nose or coughing).
  13. The body temperature of each customer shall be taken at the entrance of any commercial premises. Any customer having high temperature (38<sup>0</sup>C and above) will be transferred to the nearest hospital according to the Protocol of the Ministry of Health and Wellness.
  14. Except in the case of members of the same household, one customer per car will be allowed entry to the parking lots of the hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops, except for persons with disabilities who may be accompanied by another adult. The NIC/Passport/Residence Permit/Occupation Permit/Work Permit of the individuals will be verified at the entrance of the car park.
  15. Persons under the age of 18 shall not be allowed within the premises of any commercial premises.
  16. Any person without NIC/Passport/Residence Permit/Occupation Permit/Work Permit or not wearing protective masks or coming on the unallocated days, shall be refused access to the premises and the shops.
  17. Hypermarkets/supermarkets/superettes/meat/poultry/fish shops and food retail shops shall not be allowed to continue to operate in case of breach of any of the above conditions.
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