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Government Notice No. 146 of 2020

#### CUSTOMS ACT (Act No. 33 of 2018)

#### Designated Places of Entry, Exit, Landing, Loading and Examination of Goods into Botswana

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and in the exercise of the powers conferred on the Commissioner General by section 53 (2) of the Customs Act, the following Notice is hereby made -

- (a) the following essential goods shall be imported by licensed suppliers only
  - (i) commercial goods,
  - (ii) medical equipment and supplies including sanitisers, surgical gloves, soap, antiseptics, bleach, surgical spirit, methylated spirit, disinfectants, baby wipes, wet wipes and face masks, and
  - (iii) pharmaceutical supplies.
- (b) the following border gates are hereby declared as places of entry, exit, landing, loading and examinations of goods into Botswana —

#### BORDER POSTS

- (i) Kasane Immigration office,
- (ii) Kazungula Road,
- (iii) Kazungula Ferry,
- (iv) Mamuno,
- (v) Martin's Drift,
- (vi) Mohembo,
- (vii) Ngoma,
- (viii) Pioneer,
- (ix) Ramatlabama,
- (x) Ramokgwebana, and
- (xi) Tlokweng,

#### **RAIL ENTRY POINTS**

- (i) Ramatlabama, and
- (ii) Vakaranga,

#### AIRPORTS

- (i) PG Matante International,
- (ii) Kasane,
- (iii) Maun, and
- (iv) Sir Seretse Khama International.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2020.

SEGOLO LEKAU, Acting Commissioner General. Government Notice No. 147 of 2020

#### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT (Cap. 63:01)

#### Directions for the Prevention of the Spread of COVID-19

THE Director of Health Services hereby gives the following direction under section 25 of the Public Health Act -

### 1. MOST EFFECTIVE PREVENTION

The most effective prevention of transmission of COVID-19 is frequent hand wash with clean water and soap for at least 40 seconds.

### 2. TRAVEL

- (a) All persons coming to Botswana from high risk countries (as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO)) or any other country, shall not be allowed entry into Botswana until further notice;
- (b) Issuance of Visa at Ports of entry and at all Embassies for any person from high risk areas is suspended with immediate effect until further notice;
- (c) Current visas of persons from high risk countries are cancelled with immediate effect until further notice;
- (d) International travel by all Government employees, parastatals and State owned entities is suspended with immediate effect until further notice;
- (e) All Government, parastatals and State owned entities' international meetings and conferences are cancelled until further notice; and
- (f) All public gatherings of more than 10 people is prohibited. For the purpose of this paragraph, public gathering includes but is not limited to
  - (i) religious activities,
  - (ii) sports events,
  - (iii) conferences,
  - (iv) wedding celebrations,
  - (v) music concerts,
  - (vi) parties,
  - (vii) cinemas; or
  - (viii) any other activity or place where the public gathers (with the exception provided under the heading "Social distancing"),

Provided that the 10 people gathering limit shall not apply to a meeting of Cabinet or Parliament or any other Government structure to help fight COVID-19 but issues of social distancing shall be strictly adhered to.

#### 3. SUSPENSION OF LICENCES

The public is advised that the following licenses have been suspended until further notice -

- (*a*) a betting licence;
- (b) a bingo licence;
- (c) a bingo machine licence;
- (d) a bookmaker's licence;
- (e) a casino licence;
- (f) a gambling establishment licence;
- (g) a gambling machine licence;
- (*h*) a lottery licence;
- (i) a lottery machine licence;
- (*j*) a racing licence;
- (*k*) a testing agent licence;
- (*l*) a totalisator licence;
- (*m*) an amusement arcade;
- (*n*) hair or beauty parlour;
- (o) gymnasium; and
- (p) cross border passenger transport road permit.

#### 4. SOCIAL DISTANCING

- (a) The public shall maintain a maximum of 25 individuals and a distance of 1 2 metres between individual persons in
  - (i) Banks,
  - (ii) Restaurants, including take-away restaurants,
  - (iii) Supermarkets/shops,
  - (iv) Pharmacies,
  - (v) Post offices,
  - (vi) Government service departments, and
  - (vii) Memorial services;
- (b) The public shall maintain a maximum of 50 individuals and a distance of 1 2 metres between individual persons during funerals proceedings.
- (c) Funerals and memorial services shall not last more than 2 hours and food shall not be provided thereat (with the exception of the family members);
- (d) Visits to rehabilitation centres including prisons, refugee camp or centre for illegal immigrants are not allowed (with exceptions to consulting Attorneys).

#### 5. GENERAL ADVICE TO THE PUBLIC -

- (a) To frequently wash hands with soap and clean water;
- (b) To postpone all non-essential travel within Botswana;
- (c) To ensure easy access to clean water and soap for hand washing at any place referred to at paragraph 4 above;
- (d) To ensure strict hand washing and surface cleaning for all equipment used during burial;
- (e) To clean high touch areas with disinfectants. (Examples of high touch arrears are doors, elevators, counters, etc.)
- (f) To cover the nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when sneezing or coughing;
- (g) To avoid direct contact with anyone with cold or flu symptoms;
- (h) To avoid handshakes, hugs and kisses when greeting each other; and
- (*i*) To ensure continued safety of other users of health facilities, individuals who have cold or flu symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat) and have had contact with returning travelers shall
  - (i) Call the numbers 997, 3632756 /3632757/3632773;
  - (ii) Not use public transport; and
  - (iii) If using private vehicle or on foot, should alert health facility officers on arrival before entering facility.
- (*j*) Information from any other source other than the Director of Health Service and the World Health Organization should not be relied on by the public as credible and correct information.
- (*k*) The Directions for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 dated 20th March, 2020 published as Government Notice No. 128 of 2020 are hereby revoked.

DATED this 27th day of March, 2020.

DR. M. TSHIPAYAGAE, Director of Health Services.

## **APPROPRIATION (2020/2021) ACT, 2020**

No. 2



of 2020

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

- 1. Short title
- 2. Expenditure from Consolidated Fund
- 3. Appropriation of sum authorised by section 2
- 4. Expenditure from Development Fund
- 5. Appropriation of sum authorised by section 4 SCHEDULE

An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund and the Development Fund of sums of money for the year ending 31st March, 2021.

Date of Assent: 26.03.2020

*Date of Commencement*: 31.03.2020 ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Appropriation (2020/2021) Act, 2020.

**2.** The Minister of Finance and Economic Development may issue a warrant for the payment from the Consolidated Fund for the year ending 31st March, 2021 of the sum of P62, 530, 735, 260 (Sixty-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Thirty Million, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty Pula).

**3.** The sum authorised by section 2 is appropriated to and shall be applied for, the Organisations of Expenditure set out in the first and second columns of the Schedule, in the amounts set out in the corresponding entries in the third column of the said Schedule.

**4.** The Minister of Finance and Economic Development may issue a warrant for the payment from the Development Fund for the year ending 31st March, 2021 of the sum of P12, 027, 827, 045 (Twelve Billion and Twenty-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, and Forty-Five Pula).

**5.** The sum authorised by section 4 is appropriated for, and shall be applied to meet, the total amount of expenditure necessary for the development projects during the financial year ending 31st March, 2021.

Short title

Expenditure from Consolidated Fund

Appropriation of sum authorised by section 2

Expenditure from Development Fund

Appropriation of sum authorised by section 4

## SCHEDULE

Organ	isation/Ministry	Amount in Pula	
0100	Parliament	156 585 450	
0200	Presidential Affairs, Governance and Public	1 646 573 230	
	Administration		
0300	Finance and Economic Development	1 002 142 070	
0400	Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs	477 369 150	
0500	Agricultural Development and Food Security	1 387 806 230	
0600	Basic Education	9 013 460 950	
0700	Investment, Trade and Industry	1 065 016 910	
0800	Local Government and Rural Development	7 149 501 610	
1000	Mineral Resources, Green Technology and	711 500 170	
	Energy Security		
1100	Health and Wellness	7 730 147 320	
1200	Administration of Justice	327 204 530	
1300	Attorney General's Chambers	272 212 990	
1400	Auditor General	95 504 510	
1500	International Affairs and Cooperation	640 001 250	
1600	Independent Electoral Commission	71 879 130	
1700	Office of the Ombudsman	37 478 690	
1800	Land Management, Water and Sanitation Services 1 039 9		
2000	Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and	846 793 740	
	Tourism		
2100	Industrial Court	44 023 320	
2200	Youth Empowerment, Sport and Cultural Development	947 072 330	
2300	Infrastructure and Housing Development	504 450 720	
2400	Transport and Communications	1 932 584 340	
2500	Defence, Justice and Security	8 563 225 610	
2600	Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills	819 581 390	
	Development		
2700	Tertiary Education, Research, Science and Technology	4 888 483 160	
9100	Appropriations from Revenue	11 160 207 240	
TOTAL		62 530 735 260	

PASSED by the National Assembly this 19th day of March, 2020.

BARBARA N. DITHAPO, Clerk of the National Assembly.

## SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (2018/2019) ACT, 2020

No. 3



of 2020

## ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title

2. Consolidated Fund charged with further sum SCHEDULE

An Act to authorise the payment out of the Consolidated Fund to meet expenditure incurred during the year ending 31st March, 2019.

Date of Assent: 26.03.20 Date of Commencement: 31.03.20 ENACTED by the Parliament of Botswana

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Supplementary Appropriation (2018/2019) Act, 2020.

Short title

2. (1) The Consolidated Fund is hereby charged with a further sum of P435,535 (Four Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Five Pula) to meet expenditure incurred during the financial year which ended on 31st March, 2019, in excess of the amount already appropriated for the services for that year, which excess is arrived at by taking into account the -

- (*a*) amount already appropriated under the Appropriation (2018/2019) Act, 2018;
- (b) actual expenditure of the organisation of expenditure in excess of the amount already appropriated; and
- (c) amounts making up the aggregate of P435,535 which is now being appropriated.

(2) The particulars of the excess over the amount already appropriated are set out in the Schedule hereto.

Consolidated Fund charged with further sum

## SCHEDULE

## Supplementary Appropriation from Consolidated Fund

Organization Code	Ministry	Amount Already Appropriated (a)	Actual Expenditure (b)	Amount Now Appropriated (c)
		Р	Р	Р
0400	Nationality, Immigration & Gender Affairs	374,479,840	374,915,375	435,535
	Total	374,479,840	374,915,375	435,535

PASSED by the National Assembly this 19th day of March, 2020.

BARBARA N. DITHAPO, Clerk of the National Assembly. Statutory Instrument No. 56 of 2020

## CITIZENSHIP ACT (Cap. 01:01)

# **CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT), REGULATIONS, 2020**

(Published on 27th March, 2020)

## ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation

2. Amendment of regulation 3 of Cap. 01:01 (Sub. Leg.)

3. Amendment of regulation 28 of the Regulations

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred on the Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs by section 25 of the Citizenship Act, the following Regulations are hereby made -

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Citizenship (Amendment) Citation Regulations, 2020.

2. The Regulations are amended in regulation 3 substituting for regulation Amendment of 3, the following new regulation -

regulation 3 of Cap. 01:01 (Sub. Leg.)

regulation 28 of

"Authorised 3. The Minister may by notice in the *Gazette* declare any Moemela Tribal Officer Kgosi or Kgosana appointed under the Bogosi Act to be an Cap. 41:01 authorised tribal officer for the purposes of these Regulations.".

3. The Regulations are amended in regulation 28 by substituting for Amendment of subregulation (1), the following new subregulation the Regulations

"(1) A citizen of Botswana who is a —

- (*a*) Justice of Appeal;
- (b) Judge of the High Court or the Industrial Court;
- (c) Member of the National Assembly;
- (d) Kgosi;
- (e) Magistrate;
- (f) Senior public officer;
- (g) Bank manager;
- (*h*) Minister of religion;
- (*i*) Authorised tribal officer of the rank of C2 and above;
- (*j*) Councilor:
- (k) Legal practitioner; or
- (*l*) Medical practitioner,

shall be qualified to be an additional sponsor for the purposes of these Regulations.".

MADE this 13th day of March, 2020.

ANNA MARIA MOKGETHI, Minister of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs.

Statutory Instrument No. 57 of 2020

## ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES ACT (Cap. 22:05)

# ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES AT FAIR PRICE) REGULATIONS, 2020

(Published on 27th March, 2020)

## ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

REGULATION

1. Citation

2. Availability of supplies at fair price

IN RECOGNITION of the risk posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and in exercise of the powers conferred on the President by section 3 (1) (a) of the Essential Supplies and Services Act, the following Regulations are hereby made — Citation **1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Essential Supplies (Availability of

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Essential Supplies (Availability of Supplies at Fair Price) Regulations, 2020.

Availability of supplies at fair price 2. A trader shall not increase the prices of the following supplies by more than the cost incurred to procure or produce the supplies —

- (a) medical supplies and equipment including sanitisers, gloves, masks and hygiene supplies;
- (b) pharmaceutical supplies;
- (c) food supplies; and
- (d) commercial goods.

MADE this 27th day of March, 2020.

DR. MOKGWEETSI ERIC KEABETSWE MASISI, President.

## C.210

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