THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT

The Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2020

WHEREAS the Minister responsible for disaster preparedness and emergency management has given written notice to the Prime Minister that Jamaica appears to be threatened with or affected by the SARS – CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19), and that measures apart from or in addition to those specifically provided for in the Disaster Risk Management Act should be taken promptly:

AND WHEREAS on the 13th day of March, 2020, the Prime Minister by Order declared the whole of Jamaica to be a disaster area:

NOW THEREFORE:

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Prime Minister by section 26(2) of the Disaster Risk Management Act, and every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 2) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order, 2020, and shall be read and construed as one with the Disaster Risk Management (Enforcement Measures) (No. 2) Order, 2020, hereinafter referred to as the principal Order, and all amendments thereto.

2. Paragraph 5 of the principal Order is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (3)(b) and substituting therefor the following –

“(b) with effect from the 2nd day of April, 2020, markets shall operate only during the hours from –

(i) 6:00 am to 2:00 pm on Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; and

(ii) 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.”.
3. The principal Order is amended by inserting next after paragraph 3 the following paragraph –

“3A. Each person who entered Jamaica after March 18, 2020, shall forthwith contact the Ministry with responsibility for health and wellness, either –

(a) through the website https://jamcovid19.moh.gov.jm/ or e-mail covid19@moh.gov.jm; or

(b) by calling any of the following numbers –

(i) 888-ONE-LOVE (888-663-5683);

(ii) 888-754-7792;

(iii) 876-542-5998;

(iv) 876-542-6007; or

(v) 876-542-6006,

and shall provide the information required by that Ministry for the purposes of measures to combat the risk of transmission of the SARS-CoV-2 (Coronavirus COVID-19).”.

4. The principal Order is amended by inserting next after paragraph 9 the following paragraph –

“9A. - (1) During the period from April 1, 2020, to April 8, 2020, commencing at 8:00 pm on April 1, 2020, and ending at 6:00 am on April 8, 2020, each person shall remain indoors during the hours from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am each day.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply to –

(a) members of the Houses of Parliament and persons employed to the Houses of Parliament;

(b) Permanent Secretaries;

(c) any member of the Jamaica Constabulary Force or the Jamaica Defence Force;
(d) any person employed in a service concerning the provision of health, water, electricity, public works, sanitation, firefighting, civil aviation or telecommunications;

(e) veterinary surgeons, licensed under the Veterinary Act;

(f) immigration officers and customs officers;

(g) correctional services officers;

(h) persons employed in the transportation of agricultural produce or livestock or employed in the poultry industry (including catching crew, poultry processing plant staff and the staff of feed mills);

(i) persons employed in the sugar cane industry;

(j) persons employed to tourist establishments as defined by the Public Health (Tourist Establishments) Regulations, 2000;

(k) persons employed in services connected with oil-refining and with the loading, distribution, transportation or retail of petroleum fuel, liquefied natural gas or any renewable energy source;

(l) persons employed in services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and with the storage and delivery of goods at, or from, docks, wharves and warehouses operated in connection with docks or wharves;

(m) persons employed in the provision of public transportation by the Jamaica Urban Transit Company or the Montego Bay Metro Company Limited;

(n) the Judiciary and persons employed to the courts;

(o) persons employed to the business process outsourcing sector;

(p) persons employed to the media (such as journalists, television or radio presenters, camera operators, announcers, engineers, technicians and newspaper delivery personnel);
(q) persons employed to businesses providing private security;
(r) persons employed to the Jamaica Printing Services Limited;
(s) persons employed to the Toll Authority established under the Toll Roads Act;
(t) persons employed to courier services;
(u) persons employed in the bauxite or alumina industries;
(v) persons authorized in writing by the Director-General of the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management; and
(w) persons employed in any service or activity designated in writing by the Minister with responsibility for national security, with the approval of the Cabinet, as an exempt service or activity under this sub-paragraph,

for the purposes of that employment, service, activity or authorisation, or duties as such member (as the case may be).

(3) During the period referred to in sub-paragraph (1), a person referred to in sub-paragraph (2) shall, on being requested to do so by an authorized officer, produce satisfactory proof of identification as a person referenced in that sub-paragraph.

(4) During the period referred to in sub-paragraph (1), the employer of a person referenced in sub-paragraph (2) shall ensure that transportation is provided to the person between the place of employment and the person’s abode or place of residence.”.

5. Paragraph 2 of this Order shall come into force on the 2nd day of April, 2020.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2020.

Prime Minister