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IN EXERCISE of powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 11 and 27 of the Public Health Act, Cap. 281, these Rules are made this 30th day of March, 2020.

1. Title and commencement

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Public Health (Control of COVID - 19) (No.2) Rules, 2020.
- (2) These Rules shall be deemed to have come into force on 30th March 2020.

2. Interpretation.

In these Rules—

"engineering plant" means a movable plant or equipment being a self-propelled vehicle or trailer designed or constructed for special purposes of engineering operations which, where proceeding on a road, does not carry any load other than such as is necessary for its propulsion or equipment;

"market" means a market established by, maintained, managed or controlled by or for a local council under the Markets Act;

"motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle intended or adopted for use on the roads and includes a motorcar, a motorcycle and a trailer.

3. Imposition of curfew

- (1) With effect from 1st April, 2020, until 14th April 2020, a curfew is imposed throughout Uganda starting at 1900 hours on each day and ending at 0630 hours on the following day.
- (2) Except where specifically provided in these Rules, no person shall move on any road in Uganda during the hours specified in subrule (1).

4. Prohibition of selling of non-food items in markets, stores, etc

- (1) With effect from 1st April, 2020, until 14th April 2020, the selling of non-food items in any market in Uganda is prohibited.
- (2) With effect from 1st April, 2020, until 14th April 2020, the selling of non-food items except pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemicals and seeds, veterinary drugs and detergents, is prohibited throughout Uganda.

5. Closure of certain places and premises

The following places and premises, as the case may be, shall be closed, until 14th April 2020—

- (a) all shops and stores where non-food items are sold or which do not deal in pharmaceuticals, agricultural chemicals and seeds, veterinary drugs and detergents, including shopping malls, arcades, hardware shops;
- (b) salons, gymnasiums and massage parlours;
- (c) hotels and lodging houses; and
- (d) motor repair garages and workshops.

6. Factories and construction sites to continue operations

Notwithstanding the prohibitions in these Rules, factories and construction sites are allowed to operate, provided that a factory or construction site that does so, shall provide accommodation for the employees at the factory or construction site and the employees are prohibited from leaving the factory or construction site until 14th April 2020.

7. Prohibition of use of motor vehicles and engineering plants

Subject to rule 8, with effect from 2200 hours on 30th March, 2020, until 14th April 2020, no person shall drive any class of motor vehicle or engineering plant on any road in Uganda.

8. Exemption from rule 7

- (1) Rule 7 shall not apply to motor vehicles or engineering plants that are used to provide the following services, as may be determined by the authority responsible for the motor vehicles or engineering plants, as the case may be—
 - (a) medical services, including ambulance services;
 - (b) police services;
 - (c) Uganda Peoples Defence Forces services;
 - (d) electricity services;
 - (e) water and sewerage services;
 - (f) fuel service stations;
 - (g) agricultural and veterinary services;
 - (h) telecommunications services, including media services;
 - (i) banking services;
 - (j) Uganda Revenue Authority services;
 - (k) Uganda National Roads Authority services;
 - (l) Uganda Wildlife Authority services;
 - (m) security services;
 - (n) delivery services including deliveries to the places and premises that are permitted to operate under these Rules and deliveries from those places to homes;
 - (o) cleaning services, including garbage collection services;
 - (p) funeral services;
 - (q) diplomats; and
 - (r) selected Government services.

- (2) For the purposes of subrule (1), the motor vehicle or engineering plant to be used in the respective service shall display a sticker issued by the Ministry responsible for roads and transport.
- (3) Rule 3 shall not apply to a motor vehicle or engineering plant used for a service referred to in this rule where the motor vehicle or engineering plant has to be used during the hours referred to in rule 3.
- (4) Rule 7 shall not apply to a motor vehicle or trailer that carries cargo within Uganda or which is in transit in Uganda.

9. Offences and penalties

Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the requirements of these Rules commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months.

10. Duration of Rules

- (1) These Rules shall remain in force until 14th April, 2020, when the Rules shall expire.
- (2) Notwithstanding subrule (1), the Minister may extend the duration of these Rules.

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Minister of Health.