

# **Quarantine (COVID-19) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2020**

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## **THE QUARANTINE ACT 2020**

### **Regulations made by the Minister under section 13 of the Quarantine Act 2020**

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Quarantine (COVID-19) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2020**.

2. In these regulations —

“principal regulations” means the Quarantine (COVE)- 19) Regulations 2020.

3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definitions —

“ATOL” means the Airport Terminal Operations Ltd;

“aircraft” has the same meaning as in the Civil Aviation Act;

“airport” means the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport;

“MTPA” means the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority established under the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority Act;

“PCR test” means the COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test;

“transit passenger” means a passenger in transit for less than 24 hours and holding an onward reservation on the same aircraft or interlining at the airport, provided that the

passenger does not check out at the airport;

4. The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 3, the following new regulations —

### **3A. PCR test and assessment**

(1) For the purposes of these regulations —

(a) a PCR test is carried out on a person referred to in regulation 4(1) by taking the person's biological sample, including a sample of the person's respiratory secretions or blood by appropriate means or by swabbing the person's nasopharyngeal cavity, or by requiring the person to provide such a sample; and

(b) any other assessment may be carried out in relation to that person.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b), an assessment may require the person to —

(a) answer questions about his health or other relevant circumstances, including travel history and information about other persons with whom he may have travelled or had contact with;

(b) produce any document which may assist in assessing his health;

(c) provide his contact details or such other sufficient information so that he may be contacted immediately.

(3) Where the person is a child, the parent of the child shall —

(a) allow a PCR test to be carried out on the child; and

(b) ensure that the child answers questions in accordance with paragraph (2)(a);

- (c) produce any document, required under paragraph (2)(b), on the child's behalf;
- (d) provide such information as required under paragraph (2)(c);
- (e) answer the questions where the child is unable to do so or cannot reliably do so.

(4) Any person who is tested as being infected with COVID- 19 shall, forthwith, be transferred to a hospital for treatment.

### **3B. Persons travelling from abroad**

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall be admitted into Mauritius unless that person has undergone a PCR test at the airport.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a member of an airline crew on duty and to a transit passenger.

**5.** The principal regulations are amended by revoking regulation 5 and replacing it by the following regulation —

**5.** (1) Subject to paragraph (3), every non-citizen shall, on booking his airline ticket through the MTPA platform, pay to MTPA a non-refundable fee of 13,500 rupees.

(2) The MTPA shall, on receipt of the non-refundable fee under paragraph (1), remit, on behalf of the non-citizen —

- (a) not later than 7 days after his arrival into Mauritius, a sum of 2,500 rupees to ATOL in respect of the expenses, as specified in item I of the Second Schedule, that ATOL shall incur;
- (b) a sum of 10,500 rupees to the Ministry in respect of the expenses, as

specified in items 2 to 6 of the Second Schedule; that the Ministry shall incur; and

- (c) a sum of 500 rupees to the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Limited (SICOM).

(3) The Minister may exempt the following persons from payment of the fee specified in paragraph (2) —

- (a) the Head of any State; and
- (b) the Prime Minister of any State on official visit.

**6.** Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “medical examination” and replacing them by the words “PCR test”.

**7.** The First Schedule to the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (c), by deleting the words “, by allowing a medical practitioner to take a biological sample from you, including a sample of your respiratory secretions or blood by appropriate means or by swabbing your nasopharyngeal cavity, or requiring you to provide such a sample”.

**8.** The principal regulations are amended by adding the Second Schedule set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

**9.** These regulations shall come into operation on 3 October 2020.

Made by the Minister on 16 December 2020.

## **SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 8]

### **SECOND SCHEDULE**

[Regulation 5]

#### **FEES**

**(Rs)**

<b>1.</b>	PCR test for DAY 1	2,500
<b>2.</b>	PCR test for DAY 7 (excluding the first day of confinement) and DAY 14 (excluding the first day of confinement)	5,000
<b>3.</b>	Staffing and administrative overhead expenses	4,000
<b>4.</b>	Logistics and protective equipment	300
<b>5.</b>	Disinfection exercise, including materials and Equipment	200
<b>6.</b>	Accommodation for medical team	1,000
<b>7.</b>	Health Insurance	500