Consolidated COVID-19 (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2022

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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 Consolidated COVID-19 (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2022.
- In these regulations —"principal regulations" means the Consolidated COVID-19 Regulations 2021.
- 3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definition of "fully vaccinated with booster dose";
 - (b) in the definition of "self-confined", by deleting the word "residence" and replacing it by the words "residence, hotel or tourist accommodation, as the case may be";
 - (c) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definitions —

 "fully vaccinated" means a person who
 - (a) is vaccinated with one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine, provided that
 - (i) 28 days have lapsed after the dose of the vaccine having been administered; but
 - (ii) 6 months have not lapsed after the period of 28 days;
 - (b) is vaccinated with 2 doses of any other COVID-19 vaccine, other than Johnson & Johnson vaccine, provided that
 - (i) 14 days have lapsed after the second dose of the vaccine having been administered;
 but
 - (ii) 6 months have not lapsed after the period of 14 days;
 - (c) is vaccinated with a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine, provided that the booster dose is
 - (i) administered not later than 4 April 2022; or
 - (ii) after 4 April 2022, administered not later than 6 months,
 - after the administration of the first dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine or second dose of any other COVID-19 vaccine, as the case may be;

- (d) has, further to being tested as being infected with COVID-19, recovered therefrom and has, between 40 days and 6 months after the date of being tested as such, been administered with a dose of COVID-19 vaccine; or
- (e) is certified as such by at least 2 Government medical practitioners designated by the Minister;

"hotel" means a hotel licensed as such under the Tourism Authority Act;

"tourist accommodation" means a guest house, tourist residence or *domaine* licensed as such under the Tourism Authority Act;

- **4.** Regulation 13 of the principal regulations is amended
 - (a) in paragraph (1)
 - (i) in subparagraph (a)(i)(A), by deleting the words "with booster dose";
 - (ii) in subparagraph (b)(i), by inserting, after the words "vaccination card", the words "certifying that he is fully vaccinated";
 - (b) by inserting, after paragraph (1), the following new paragraph
 - (1A) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b)(i) —

"fully vaccinated" has the same meaning as in regulation 16.

- **5.** Regulation 16 of the principal regulations is amended
 - (a) by deleting the definitions "airport", "designated hotel", "Mauritius All-in-One Travel Digital Form" and "registered hotel";
 - (b) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definitions —

"airport" means the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport or the Plaine Comil Airport, as the case may be;

"port" means the Port Louis Harbour or the Port Mathurin Harbour, as the case may be;

6. The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 16, the following new regulation

16A. Application of Part VII

. Part VII shall not apply to a person who travels from the Island of Mauritius to the Island of Rodrigues, or from the Island of Rodrigues to the Island of Mauritius.

7. Regulation 17, 18 and 19 of the principal regulations are revoked and replaced by the following regulations —

17. Health insurance for incoming passengers

- (1) No person shall travel to Mauritius unless, at the point of departure, he produces, subject to paragraph (2), documentary evidence that he has a health insurance covering COVID-19.
- (2) This regulation shall not apply to a citizen of Mauritius, resident of Mauritius, a crew member of an aircraft or a ship, a transit passenger or such category of persons as the Minister may approve.

18. Fully vaccinated, non-fully vaccinated and unvaccinated incoming passengers

- (1) Where a fully vaccinated incoming passenger
 - (a) stays at a hotel, he shall, on the first day of his arrival, undergo a COVID- 19 test at the hotel; or
 - (b) does not stay at a hotel, he shall, on the first day of his arrival, undergo a COVID-19 test at the airport or port.
- (2) An incoming passenger who is not fully vaccinated or is unvaccinated shall
 - (a) be self-confined for a period of at least 7 days;
 - (b) on the first day of his arrival, undergo a COVID-19 test at the airport or port; and
 - (c) on the seventh day, excluding the day of his arrival, undergo a second COVID-19 test.

19. Incoming passengers infected with COVID-19

- (1) An incoming passenger who is tested to be infected with COVID-19 shall self-confine for a period of at least 7 days from the day he has been tested as such.
- (2) Notwithstanding regulation 13, an incoming passenger who is tested to be infected with COVID-19 may have access to a hotel or tourist accommodation for the purposes of self-confinement.
- 8. Regulation 22C of the principal regulations is amended
 - (a) in paragraph (1), by revoking subparagraph (a) and replacing it by the following subparagraph
 - (a) who is tested as being infected with COVID-19 and has self-confined at his place of residence; or
 - (b) in subparagraph (3), by deleting the word "Government" and replacing it by the word "registered".
- 9. Regulation 24 of the principal regulations is amended, in paragraph (2)
 - (a) in subparagraph (a)(i), by deleting the words "with booster dose";

- (b) in subparagraph (b)(i), by deleting the words "with booster dose".
- **10.** The First Schedule to the principal regulations is amended by adding the following new item
 - **9**. Novavax, also known as Nuvaxovid or Covovax.
- **11.** The Fifth Schedule to the principal regulations is amended, in item 18, in the third column, by deleting the words "Not apply to a person under the age of 18, where applicable" and replacing them by the words "Not apply to a person under the age of 18, where applicable, and to a tourist".
- **12.** These regulations shall come into operation on 25 March 2022.

Made by the Minister on 25 March 2022.