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Preamble

WHEREAS Zimbabwe has received notification from the World Health Organisation of the prevalence in India of a highly infectious and lethal variant of the COVID-19 disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby notified that the Minister of Health has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020), made the following order: —

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (No. 23).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) Order, 2020, published in Statutory Instrument 200 of 2020 (hereinafter called the principal order), is amended in section 26C (“Persons entering Zimbabwe from neighbouring and other countries”) —

(a) in subsection (1) by the insertion of the following resuming words to the definition of “persons entering Zimbabwe” —

“(however, if the persons referred to in paragraph (a) or (c) arrived from India or transited through India in the course of their journey to Zimbabwe, they shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (4)(b)(i) of this section)”;

(b) in subsection (4) by the repeal of paragraph (b) and the substitution of the following paragraphs —

“(b) with proof of a valid PCR negative certificate shall, if he or she —

(i) has arrived from India or has transited through India in the course of his or her journey to Zimbabwe submit to being retested (at his or her own expense) for COVID-19, and if —

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A. found to be positive be taken to an isolation centre at the direction of an enforcement officer (and all reasonable expenses associated with the isolation shall be borne by the isolated person); or

B. found to be negative, be quarantined in a hotel (designated for the purpose by an enforcement officer) at his or her own expense, for a period of 10 days from date of arrival in Zimbabwe (at the end of which period he or she shall submit to being retested for COVID-19 at his or her own expense by or at the direction of an enforcement officer); or

(ii) has not arrived from India or has not transited through India in the course of his or her journey to Zimbabwe, be admitted into Zimbabwe for the purpose for which he or she is permitted to enter Zimbabwe.”. 