

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS NO. 7 OF 2003

ORDER

MADE by the Minister under section 5 of the Peace Preservation Act, (Chap. 15:04).

(Gazetted 20th February, 2003.)

WHEREAS Carnival in 2003 will be celebrated on the 3rd and 4th day of March;

AND WHEREAS it is desired to make provision in accordance with the terms of the Peace Preservation Act for the temporary suspension during the period of Carnival of certain prohibitions contained in the said Act;

NOW THEREFORE, the Minister in exercise of the powers vested in him by the above recited Act and with the advice of the Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Dominica hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the -

CARNIVAL ORDER 2003.

Short title.

2. In this Order unless the context otherwise requires -

Interpretation.

“fireworks” includes explosives locally known as bombs or anything of a like kind or nature;

“sensay type costume” includes a costume, or any part thereof, which is made of scraps of cloth, paper, banana leaves, crocus bags, or any other similar material;

“weapon” includes any firearms, cutlass, knife, stick, stone, bottle (either empty or containing liquid of any description), and any article or thing capable of being used for offensive purposes.

Carnival in public places.

3. (1) On Monday the 3rd day of March, 2003 and Tuesday the 4th day of March, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the Carnival days”) persons decently clothed and conducting themselves in an orderly manner may take part in the Carnival between the hours of 4:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on the said Monday and between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on the said Tuesday.

(2) For the purpose of subsection (1), being “decently clothed” includes the wearing of rope costume, or any other sensory type costume, but the person so dressed shall -

- (a) have registered no later than 1st February, 2003 with the National Festival Commission at such place to be designated by the Commission; and
- (b) have obtained a registration number tag which must always be worn plainly visible.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt a person shall not be “decently clothed” within the meaning of this Order if the person during the hours of the Carnival-

- (a) wears any rope costume or any other sensory type costume without complying with the provisions of this section;
- (b) smears himself with any paint or colouring matter; or
- (c) wears any military type uniform or any wearing apparel designed to resemble such dress.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) no person shall wear a rope costume or any other sensory type costume before 8:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. on the Carnival days.

Prohibitions.

4. During the hours of the Carnival mentioned in section 3 no person shall -

- (a) carry any lighted torch or be armed with any weapon;