

2021

EMERGENCY POWERS

S.R.O. 22

COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS No. 22 OF 2021.

ORDER

MADE by the President under section 3 of the Emergency Powers Act, Chap. 15:02.

(Gazetted 9th August, 2021.)

1. This Order may be cited as the –

Short title.

EMERGENCY POWERS (CURFEW) (NO.2) ORDER, 2021.

2. In this Order –

Interpretation.

“essential service” includes –

- (a)* air traffic (including meteorological, telecommunication, security, fire and ambulance services connected with airports) services;
- (b)* fire and ambulance, prison or police service;
- (c)* medical, health, hospital, infirmary or nursing home services;
- (d)* telecommunications or broadcasting services;
- (e)* water, electricity or sanitation services;
- (f)* banking business services;
- (g)* credit union business services;

- (h)* grocery, agricultural, fisheries or pharmaceutical services;
- (i)* immigration, customs or postal services;
- (j)* services connected with the House of Assembly;
- (k)* services connected with the loading and unloading of ships and with the storage and delivery of goods at, or from a dock, wharf or warehouse operated in connection with the dock or wharf;
- (l)* services connected with the loading, distribution, transportation or retail of petroleum fuel, liquefied natural gas or any renewable energy source;
- (m)* public services connected with the payment of salaries, pensions and other benefits in government departments, agencies, statutory bodies and arms-length bodies;
- (n)* services connected with the Judiciary, including the attendance at court of attorneys;
- (o)* services connected with essential government functions as directed by the Secretary to the Cabinet;
- (p)* airport, seaport and civil aviation services;
- (q)* fresh produce markets;
- (r)* a business engaged in the sale of auto parts;
- (s)* a business engaged in the delivery of meals, groceries, agricultural produce, fish or pharmaceutical products;
- (t)* insurance business services;

“essential worker” includes officers of –

- (a) the Commonwealth of Dominica Police Force;
- (b) Dominica State Prison;
- (c) members of the Judiciary;
- (d) the Department of Social Services;
- (e) the Department of Environmental Health Services;
- (f) the Custom and Excise Division;
- (g) the Accountant-General’s Division;
- (h) the Inland Revenue Division;
- (i) waste disposal and sanitation companies;
- (j) any hospital or health care, medical, residential care establishment or facility;
- (k) the Dominica Air and Sea Ports Authority;
- (l) essential officers of any water, electricity or other sector encompassing the provision of electronic communications including print and electronic media;
- (m) any public officer or category of public officer as directed by the Secretary to the Cabinet, who is in a public place for the purposes of work.

3. This Order applies to the entire State of Dominica.

Application.

Curfew.

4. Subject to section 5, a curfew is hereby imposed throughout Dominica from 6:00 p.m. on Monday the 9th day of August, 2021 to 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday the 17th day of August, 2021 as follows:

- (a) a person shall not be out in a public place between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on Monday to Friday;
- (b) a person shall not be out in a public place between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday to Friday;
- (c) a person shall not be out in a public place between the hours of 6:00 p.m. on Friday to 5:00 a.m. on Monday.

Exemption.

5. (1) Section 4 (a) and (c) does not apply to –

- (a) an essential worker;
- (b) a person who has a written authorisation from the Commissioner of Police;
- (c) a person seeking urgent medical care;
- (d) a person accessing Covid-19 testing;
- (e) a person travelling to or from an airport or seaport;
- (f) a person providing or accessing the following services on a Saturday, –
 - (i) supermarkets and village shops from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
 - (ii) gas stations from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
- (g) a person providing or accessing petrol on a Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

(2) Section 4 (b) does not apply to –

(a) a person who is in a public place for the purpose of –

(i) providing or accessing an essential service;

(ii) caring for a family member, pet or livestock;

(iii) engaging in construction and manufacturing;

(iv) accessing Covid-19 testing;

(v) travelling to or from an airport or seaport;

(b) a lawyer accessing his law office provided that he shall not provide services to the public.

(3) The following essential service can only be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday –

(a) banks, credit unions and money services business;

(b) wholesale or retail grocery stores, village shops, supermarket, mini-marts and commercial bakeries;

(c) petrol stations;

(d) pharmacies.

(4) All essential workers shall at all times carry personal identification.