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MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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CHILD PROTECTION ACT (CHAPTER 132)

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The Minister responsible for National Security, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 148B(1) of the Child Protection Act (*Ch. 132*) makes the following regulations —

1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the Child Protection (Marco Alert) Regulations, 2016.

2. Interpretation.

In these Regulations —

“**Act**” means the Child Protection Act;

“**alert**” means a Marco Alert; and

“**partners**” mean the media, public and private sector organizations that aid law enforcement in the goal of recovering missing children.

3. Protocol for activating Marco Alerts.

Prior to the issuance of a “Marco Alert” and pursuant to section 148A(1)(b) of the Act, the Commissioner of Police shall in satisfying himself that a child is at risk of harm or death, confirm —

- (a) that there is reasonable belief that a child is missing or has been abducted;
- (b) that the child is in danger of serious bodily injury or death; and
- (c) that there is descriptive information about the child that will assist in the recovery of the child.