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1. WHEREAS regulation 14(1) of the Prevention and Mitigation of the Infectious Disease (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 provides that the Minister may, where he is satisfied that it is necessary or expedient for the purpose of preventing the spread of coronavirus, by a curfew order, direct that, within Mauritius or within such area and during such hours as may be specified in the curfew order, no person or class of persons shall remain outdoors.

2. WHEREAS, I was satisfied that it was necessary and expedient for the purpose of preventing the spread of coronavirus in the Island of Mauritius, I extended, by virtue of General Notice No. 561 of 2020, the curfew period from 15 April 2020 at 8 p.m. to 4 May 2020 at 8 p.m. and I thereby directed that no person should, other than in the Island of Rodrigues and the Island of Agalega, remain outdoors in the Island of Mauritius until 4 May 2020 at 8 p.m..

3. NOW, THEREFORE, in view of the fact that I am still satisfied that it is necessary and expedient to further extend the curfew period to prevent a possible resurgence and further spread of coronavirus in the Island of Mauritius, I further extend the curfew period for the Island of Mauritius from 4 May 2020 at 8 p.m. to 1 June 2020 at 8 p.m., and I hereby direct, subject to this notice, that no person shall, other than in the Island of Rodrigues and the Island of Agalega, remain outdoors in the Island of Mauritius until 1 June 2020 at 8 p.m..

4. However, paragraph 3 shall not apply to the following persons -

   (a) a person who has to avail himself of medical treatment, or procure essential supplies, foodstuff, medicine or any other item essential for his or his family's subsistence or livelihood;

   (b) a member of the National Assembly for the purpose of attending a sitting of the National Assembly or any other meeting in relation to the sitting of the National Assembly;

   (c) a Judge or Magistrate for the purpose of attending Court;

   (d) a barrister or an attorney whose services have been retained by a person to attend a police station, place of detention or Court;

   (e) a medical practitioner for the purpose of attending a hospital, private medical institution or patient in need of urgent medical care;

   (f) a pharmacist for the purpose of attending his place of work.
5. The Commissioner of Police may, pursuant to regulation 14(2) of the said regulations, issue a permit to the following persons to be outdoors for the sole purpose of leaving their place of residence to their place of work, and leaving their place of work to their place of residence-

(a) such employees of the public sector, including Ministries and Government departments, public enterprises and statutory bodies as may be designated by the Head of the public bodies concerned;

(b) employees of the private sector or self-employed persons whose services are considered essential.

6. Nothing in a permit issued by the Commissioner of Police shall exempt any employer from his statutory obligations pertaining to the safety and health of his employees under any enactment which may be applicable.

7. This curfew order is being issued in the interest of public health and to protect the population. Members of the public are urged to be self-disciplined and to cooperate with the authorities and not to remain outdoors.

8. Any person who -

(a) is found outdoors in breach of this curfew order; or

(b) breaches any condition of a permit issued by the Commissioner of Police,

shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 500 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months.

9. This curfew order shall lapse on 1 June 2020 at 8 p.m..

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Minister of Health and Wellness