

Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 22) (Amendment) Order, 2023 (No. 44)

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WHEREAS the World Health Organisation on the 4th May, 2023, released a statement that COVID-19 no longer constitutes a public health emergency of international concern;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Zimbabwe subsequently directed that mandatory wearing of face masks be lifted, that all border control measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 be lifted and that tourists no longer be required to produce COVID-19 vaccination certificates and negative COVID PCR tests at ports of entry or at tourist resorts around the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, 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, 2023 (No. 44).

2. Notwithstanding—

- (a) section 2(a) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 41), published in Statutory Instrument 67 of 2022, returning residents and visitors are no longer required to produce COVID-19 PCR tests or vaccination certificates at ports of entry;
- (b) section 5 (“public gatherings”)(1)(g), the wearing of face masks at public gatherings is no longer mandatory.