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TO : HEADS OF MISSION

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SUBJECT : COVID-19 SARS-COV-2 PCR TEST RESULTS VALID REQUIREMENT ON ENTRY AND RELATED MEASURES

This serves to inform you that the Ministry of Health and Social Services issued amended regulations that govern the COVID-19 response measures under the Public Health COVID-19 General Regulations: Public and Environment Health Act, 2015 as published in the Government gazette 256. According to Regulation 9(1) of the Regulations as amended, all persons permitted entry into Namibia, should present to an authorized person a negative SARSCOV-2 PCR test results from the country of departure/origin, issued by a laboratory that is certified to issue SARSCOV-2 PCR test results in such country.

1. The 72 hours and 7 days SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results validity is counted from the date the sample was taken to the date of arrival in Namibia. If the SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result:
 - a) Is not older than 72 hours, the traveler will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine.
 - b) Is older than 72 hours but not older than seven (7) days, the traveler will be subjected to supervised quarantine at own cost.
 - c) Despite provision in (a) and (b) above, citizens and Namibian residence or employment permit holders may enter Namibia without a SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result. Travelers without SARS-CoV-2 PCR test results are subjected to mandatory quarantine at designated facilities for seven (7) days at own cost.
 - d) All persons entering Namibia with a positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test result post-COVID-19 recovery, must present a de-isolation certificate from the relevant health authority.
2. Namibia does not have SARS-CoV-2 PCR testing requirements for travelers exiting Namibia. Traveler (s) should consult their countries of destination and if so required, test at own cost.

Your cooperation in this regards will be highly appreciated.

Regards.

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