

Prohibition of non-emergency telephone call 3. A person shall not make a call to an emergency alert telephone call number for a purpose other than for reporting a death, suspected disease or other emergencies during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Director-General, National Telecommunications Commission to impose penalty. 4. The Director-General, National Telecommunications shall, where he is satisfied that a person is in contravention of Regulation 3 -

- (a) direct a mobile phone operator or service provider to suspend or disconnect telephone service to that person with immediate effect;
- (b) impose a fine of Le 5,000,000 .00 on that person and direct that the money is to be paid into the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund;

Offence. 5. (1) A mobile phone operator or service provider who fails to comply with -

- (a) a request made by the Director-General, National Telecommunications Commission for call data relating to an emergency alert telephone call number under sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 2;
- (b) a directive issued by the Director-General, National Telecommunications Commission under clause (a) of Regulation 4,

commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine of Le 50,000,000 .00.

(2) A person who fails to comply with a directive issued by the Director-General, National Telecommunications Commission under clause (b) of Regulation 4 commits an offence and is liable, on conviction to a fine of Le 10,000,000 .00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

MADE THIS *day of* , 2020.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF SIERRA LEONE, 1991 (ACT NO. 6 OF 1991)

THE EMERGENCY ALERT TELEPHONE CALL REGULATIONS, 2020 Short title.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by subsection (5) of section 29 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, 1991, and by Proclamation made by the President and published in the Gazette as Public Notice No. 6 of 2020 the President hereby makes the following Regulations -

1. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 8th day of April, 2020 and shall be in force until revoked. Commence-ment

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires Interpretation.

"emergency alert telephone call number" means an emergency alert telephone call number designated by the Ministry of Information and Communications as the primary number for reporting deaths, suspected diseases and other emergencies during the COVID-19 state of emergency in Sierra Leone;

"COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund" means the fund designated for COVID-19 response or any other fund established for the purpose of disaster management in an emergency;

"National Telecommunications Commission" means the National Telecommunications Commission established by section 2 of the National Telecommunications Act, 2006 (Act No. 9 of 2006).

2. (1) The National Telecommunications Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of these Regulations. Director-General, National Telecommunications Commission to be responsible for implementation of Regulations.

(2) Without derogating from the generality of sub-regulation (1), the Director-General, National Telecommunications Commission shall have power to request from a mobile phone operator or service provider, call data relating to an emergency alert telephone call number.