

Operation of commercial motor bikes.

15. (1) Commercial motor bikes riders (okadas) shall operate only from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight.

(2) Any person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand leones and the motor bike shall be confiscated.

Public meetings.

16. Any person who convenes a public meeting, or gathering, operates a night club, cinema or video centre shall adhere to all *ebola* prevention protocols including—

(a) hand washing;

(b) temperature screening.

(2) Any person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two years and the night club, cinema or video centre shall be closed.

Prohibition of marketing on Sundays.

17. (1) No person shall conduct market or general trading activity on Sunday.

(2) Any person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred thousand leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months.

Lungi airport.

18. The Civil Aviation Authority shall continue to implement such measures relating to the prevention and control of the *ebola* disease for arriving and departing passengers at the Lungi International Airport.

Commencement.

19. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 7th day of August, 2015.

MADE this *7th day of August, 2015.*

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President.

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

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by subsection (5) of section 29 of the Constitution of Sierra Leone, and by Proclamation made by the President and published in the *Gazette* as (Public Notice No. 1 of 2015) the President hereby makes the following Regulations.

1. In these Regulations “authorised person” means a person authorised for that purpose by the Minister responsible for health. Authorised person.

2. The Government shall maintain a special account into which all donations received from organisations and the general public for the prevention and control of the *ebola* disease shall be lodged. Special account.

3. (1) Epicenters of the *ebola* disease shall be isolated by authorised persons. Isolation of epicenters.

(2) A person infected or suspected to be infected with the *ebola* disease shall not leave the epicenter, or general area of residence or house until an authorised medical practitioner is satisfied that he or she is free from the infection.

(3) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million leones or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

4. (1) Subject to regulation 3 no person shall enter or leave an area declared to be an epicenter of the *ebola* disease unless that person has permission from an authorised person in that behalf. Movement to and from epicenters.

(2) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 1 (one) year or to a fine not exceeding five million leones or to both the fine and imprisonment.

Role of Police and military.

5. (1) The Sierra Leone Police Force and the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces shall—

- (a) restrict the movement of persons and vehicles to and from areas declared to be epicenters of the *ebola* disease;
- (b) protect health care providers engaged in the care of persons infected or suspected to be infected with *ebola* disease;
- (c) conduct regular patrols to maintain law and order.

(2) A person who obstructs the Police or a member of the Armed Forces in carrying out his duties under these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years or to both fine and imprisonment.

Homes to be quarantined.

6. (1) Any location or home where the *ebola* disease is identified shall be quarantined until clearance is given by an authorised officer.

(2) A person who without lawful authority enters or leaves a quarantined location commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million leones or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Surveillance of tracing searches,

7. Authorised persons shall conduct surveillance and house to house searches to trace and isolate persons suffering or reasonably suspected to be infected with the *ebola* disease and suspected cases of *ebola* infection.

Concealment of infected persons.

8. A person who conceals a person infected with or suspected to be infected with the *ebola* disease commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Willfully exposure.

9. A person who while infected with the *ebola* disease willfully exposes himself to another person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

10. (1) A person who dies shall not be buried unless his death is reported to the Ministry responsible for health. Deaths to be reported.

(2) A person who buries a dead person in contravention of sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

11. (1) Where a person dies of the *ebola* disease—

- (a) the Ministry responsible for health shall give the necessary clearance for the burial of the dead person;
- (b) a death certificate shall be issued by the appropriate authority before burial of the dead person;
- (c) the dead person shall be buried by the authorised persons in the area in which the death occurs.

Burial of deceased person.

12. (1) A person who operates a hospital or clinic not registered and licensed in accordance with the Medical and Dental Council Act shall cease to operate such hospital or Clinic.

Unregistered and unlicensed hospitals.

(2) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a term of imprisonment not less than two years.

(3) Sub-regulation (2) shall be without prejudice to any sanction provided for in any other enactment.

13. The Ministry responsible for health shall establish an emergency operation centre in each district to deal with any reported or suspected case of *ebola*.

Emergency operation centre.

14. Local Councils shall—

- (a) enact bye-laws to sensitise, prevent and control the spread of *ebola*;
- (b) support *ebola* control measures in their respective local council areas.

Local Councils to make bye-laws.