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THE QUARANTINE ACT (COVID-19) REGULATIONS 2020, made by the Cabinet by virtue of section 4 of the Quarantine Act, Cap. 361

PART I
INTRODUCTION

1. Citation and commencement

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Quarantine Act (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.
- (2) These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into effect on the 1st day of June, 2020.

2. Interpretation

In this Order-

“isolation” means separation of ill or contaminated persons or affected baggage, containers, conveyances, goods or postal parcels from others in such a manner as to prevent the spread of infection or contamination;

“observation” means the monitoring of the health status of a traveller over time for the purpose of determining the risk of disease transmission from the traveller;

“quarantine” means the restriction of activities and, if necessary, the separation from others of suspect persons who are not ill, but who may, because of the risk of exposure, be likely to suffer from COVID-19;

“self-quarantine” means the transparent self-restriction of movement and of contact with others expected to be observed by a person who is not ill, within a confined space as approved by the Quarantine Authority and which is subject to directions given by the Quarantine Authority.

3. Officers

(1) The Quarantine Authority may authorize any officer or person or any member of a class of officers or persons to act as authorised officers for the purposes of these Regulations.

(2) Every authorised officer or person shall exercise his or her powers and perform his or her duties subject to the general direction and control of the Quarantine Authority.

PART II

PERSONS ARRIVING BY AIRCRAFT, SHIP AND OTHER VESSELS

4. Declarations of Health

(1) Every person arriving in Antigua and Barbuda by aircraft, ship or other vessel shall prepare and sign a Health Declaration Form.

(2) The Health Declaration Form shall require a person coming into Antigua and Barbuda to declare whether he or she was exposed to COVID-19, is suffering from any disease, illness or infirmity that puts him or her at increased risk of a severe response to COVID-19 or which would require that he or she be given continuous access to medical care.

5. Prevention of cross-border spread of COVID-19

(1) Every person arriving in Antigua and Barbuda shall submit to a health screening to determine the risk posed by that person for transmission of COVID-19.

(2) The Quarantine Authority shall determine whether a person arriving in Antigua and Barbuda shall be quarantined at home, at a hotel or at a government facility.

(3) The Quarantine Authority is authorised by these Regulations to conduct testing and take the appropriate sample for the purpose of determining the COVID-19 status of a person arriving in Antigua and Barbuda.

(4) A person who is deemed by the Quarantine Authority or an authorised officer to be at risk of transmitting COVID-19 into Antigua and Barbuda shall be quarantined.

(5) The Quarantine Authority acting in consultation with the Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority and the Port Authority may specify the measures required to be taken by persons arriving at the Ports of Entry and persons who are likely to come in contact with persons arriving at the Ports of Entry.

PART III
MISCELLANEOUS

6. Sanitizing and Disinfecting of common areas at Ports of Entry

Disinfection, decontamination and other sanitary procedures shall be carried out at all Ports of Entry prior to the resumption of commercial flights and the return of yachts and pleasure vessels to Antigua and Barbuda.

7. Power to make rules and issue guidelines

The Quarantine Authority may make such rules and issue such Guidelines as it considers necessary to carry these regulations into effect and generally to limit the risk of the spread of COVID-19 from persons arriving into Antigua and Barbuda.

8. Penalty

A person who fails or refuses to comply with any order, guideline or direction of the Quarantine Authority commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Made the 1st day of June, 2020.

Konata Lee,
*Secretary to the Cabinet
of Antigua and Barbuda.*