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MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

S.I. No. 2 of 2022

(CHAPTER 231)

**HEALTH SERVICES (COVID 19)(GENERAL)
(AMENDMENT)(NO.2) RULES, 2022**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29 of the Health Services Act (*Ch. 231*), hereby makes the following rules —

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Health Services (Covid 19)(General) (Amendment)(No.2) Rules, 2022.

2. Revocation and replacement of rules 14 and 15 of the principal Rules.

Rules 14 and 15 of the principal Rules are revoked and replaced as follows —

“14. Importation of Covid 19 testing supplies.

- (1) No person shall import Covid 19 testing supplies into The Bahamas unless —
 - (a) such supplies are approved by the Minister; and
 - (b) he is approved by the Minister to import Covid 19 testing supplies.
- (2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1), commits an offence and is liable, in each case, on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.
- (3) The importation of Covid 19 testing supplies in contravention of this Rule shall be treated as the importation of restricted goods for the purposes of the Customs Management Act (*No. 30 of 2011*).

15. Trading of Covid 19 testing supplies.

- (1) No person shall engage in the trading of Covid 19 testing supplies —
- (a) which have not been approved for importation; and
 - (b) unless he is —
 - (i) a medical practitioner registered under the Medical Act (*No. 29 of 2014*);
 - (ii) a dentist registered under the Dental Act (*Ch. 226*);
 - (iii) a business engaged in the procurement and sale of medical devices, equipment and supplies;
 - (iv) a person registered or licensed under the Pharmacy Act (*Ch. 227*) to sell a substance and preparation intended to diagnose disease;
 - (v) a healthcare facility licensed by the Hospital and Health Care Facilities Licensing Board;
 - (vi) a veterinarian surgeon or practitioner under the Veterinary Surgeons Act (*Ch. 245*).
- (2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1), commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars and the testing supplies shall be liable to seizure and confiscation.”.

Made this 7th day of January, 2022

Signed
MICHAEL DARVILLE
Minister Responsible for Public Health