

EXECUTIVE INSTRUMENT

E.I. 135

IMPOSITION OF RESTRICTIONS (CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC) (NO. 18) INSTRUMENT, 2021

WHEREAS, by the Declaration of Public Health Emergency Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic Instrument, 2020, (E.I. 61), the Minister responsible for Health, having recognised the threat of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic to life and health and its potential to escalate and cause danger to the life and health of people living in Ghana, exercised the powers conferred on the Minister under sections 169 and 170 of the Public Health Act, 2012 (Act 851) and declared a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, in order to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and protect public health and public safety, the President, being satisfied that there existed circumstances, which required the imposition of certain restrictions, pursuant to subsection (1) of section 3 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012), issued the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 64);

WHEREAS, the President, being satisfied that there was a need to continue to protect public health and safety, reviewed the restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 64) and issued new restrictions pursuant to the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No. 9) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 134);

WHEREAS, the President, being satisfied, after extensive consultations, took steps to return the nation gradually back to normalcy and, thus, reviewed the restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No. 9) Instrument, 2020 (E.I. 134), to begin the implementation of Phase Two of the easing of restrictions in certain sectors of national life;

WHEREAS, as of Friday, 29th January, 2021, the total number of active cases had more than doubled from one thousand, nine hundred (1,900) two weeks ago to five thousand, three hundred and fifty-eight (5,358), with active cases in all sixteen (16) regions;

WHEREAS, the President was satisfied, after further extensive consultations, that to reduce the prevalence of the pandemic, and protect public health and public safety, there was the need to reimpose certain restrictions pursuant to section 3 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012) and issued the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No.17) Instrument, 2021 (E.I. 37);

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 4 (1) of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012), the restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No.17) Instrument, 2021 (E.I. 37) were to be in force for a period of not more than three (3) months;

WHEREAS, the three (3) month period shall lapse on Friday, 30th April, 2021;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 4 (2) (b) of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012), the duration of the restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No.17) Instrument, 2021 (E.I. 37) may, where the exigencies of the situation require, be extended for not more than one (1) month at a time and in any event for not more than three (3) months; and

WHEREAS, the President is satisfied that the exigencies of the situation require that the duration of the restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus

Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No.17) Instrument, 2021 (E.I. 37) be extended.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the power conferred on the President under subsection (2) of section 4 of the Imposition of Restrictions Act, 2020 (Act 1012), this Instrument is made this 29th day of April, 2021.

Extension of restrictions

1. The restrictions imposed under the Imposition of Restrictions (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic) (No.17) Instrument, 2021 (E.I. 37) are hereby extended for one (1) month.

Review of restrictions

2. Where the exigencies of the situation require, the duration of the restrictions specified under paragraph 1 may be varied in accordance with subsection (2) of section 4 of the Imposition of Restrictions, 2020 (Act 1012).



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