Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 39)

WHEREAS Zimbabwe is still in the midst of the fourth wave of the COVID-19 disease caused by the recent emergence of the Omicron variant of that disease;

AND WHEREAS the Level Two lockdown and the following measures are to be put in place for a further period of fourteen days subject to review at the end thereof:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby notified that the Minister of Health has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020), made the following order:—

- 1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 39).
- 2. Notwithstanding anything to the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) Order, 2020) ("the principal order"), published in Statutory Instrument 200 of 2020, the following measures shall, together with the measures prescribed in the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2021 (No. 37), published in Statutory Instrument 267 of 2021, have effect till the 28th January, 2022 ("the prescribed period")—
 - (a) during the prescribed period hotels, backpackers' lodges and other guesthouses shall provide food and beverages by means of room service only when serving tourists and other persons who are resident therein;
 - (b) the general school calendar for in person schooling is postponed for the prescribed period, but—
 - (i) on expiry of the prescribed period, the general school calendar shall not recommence until after a week, to enable the responsible authority of educational institution concerned to avail the means

and implement the appropriate protocols to ensure the safety of in person tuition, namely measures to ensure that—

- every individual will be temperature-tested at designated screening points and have his or her hands sanitised before being allowed access to educational facilities; and
- B. every individual will observe the social distancing rule and wear a face mask;
- (ii) the responsible authority of educational institution must comply with any request made or direction given by an enforcement officer in connection with ensuring the safety of in person tuition under this paragraph (failure to comply with which constitutes obstruction by the responsible authority of an enforcement officer in contravention of the principal order and regulations).