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# CORONAVIRUS: SITUATION OF PUBLIC CALAMITY

*This Decree is to maintain the Situation of Calamity and review the measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

### I. BACKGROUND:

Decree 24/2021 of 26 April expired on 26 May of this year and its expiry justified the approval of Decree 30/2021 of 26 May, which will be in force for another 30 (thirty) days. Like its predecessors, the aim of this Decree is to maintain the Situation of Calamity and review the measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, while the situation of calamity lasts. This newsletter will describe the provisions of the new Decree by taking a comparative approach and focusing only on the aspects that have changed.

### II. CHANGES TO THE RULES:

#### ■ The validity of expired official documents and the issuance of visas:

Expired official documents which were valid until 31 May 2021 will remain valid until 30 June 2021, except for passports. Unlike other documents, it is understood that, at this time, all passports that were not renewed during the opening that the previous decrees made available are effectively considered to have expired.

Another significant change made by this Decree has to do with the authorisation of business and work visas intended to help recover the flow of trade and the possibility of hiring foreign labour. This is extremely important for some specific aspects of the various projects existing in the country.

#### ■ Lessons, public and private events and commercial leisure and similar establishments:

The authorisation to continue face-to-face classes in primary, secondary, technical professional, teacher training, vocational training and public and private higher education institutions remains in force. The authorisation to resume pre-school education throughout the country, for the attendance of children between 2 and 5 years of age, in strict compliance with the specific health protocol, is also maintained.

Regarding public and private events and commercial establishments for entertainment and the like, the first change that stands out is the reopening of public swimming pools, although they must respect the limit of 30% of their maximum capacity.

Under the expired decree, going to the beach as a place of recreation for bathers was forbidden. People were only authorised to walk and exercise in the areas defined for pedestrians as pavements and promenades, and without forming crowds. People were also authorised to use beaches for the purposes of deep-sea diving. Under the new Decree, it is now possible to go to the beaches to walk and to swim, although crowds and gatherings remain prohibited. The ban on the consumption of alcoholic beverages remains in place.

In the area of sports, the training of high-level competition and training teams in the provincial championships has resumed, subject to strict compliance with the specific health protocol.

The prohibition on holding social events remains in force for a period of 30 (thirty) days. However, this does not affect marriage registrations, which may continue to take place with strict observance of the measures to prevent and combat the COVID-19 pandemic, but limited to a maximum of 20 persons.

Contrary to what happened under the previous decree, under the Decree in force, it is now possible to resume the activities of multi-purpose, large and medium-sized gyms, while not exceeding 40% and 20% of the maximum capacity, respectively. It remains necessary to comply with the protocol issued by the health authorities. The resumption of surfing, kite-surfing and sport fishing is also authorised.

The opening hours of bottle stores have been extended from 9 am to 1 pm to 9 am to 5 pm. This also updates the information that the sale of alcoholic drinks in all establishments will also be until 5 pm, because these establishments selling alcohol must respect the hours applied to bottle stores, regardless of their location.

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The opening hours for restaurant takeaway and delivery services have also been changed and closing time is now one hour later (9 pm rather than 8 pm). It is now possible to obtain new licences for these activities, which were suspended under the previous law. Last but not least, at state events, the number of participants should not exceed 150 persons, except in cases of an imperative nature, if properly justified.

■ **Mandatory curfew:**

There has been a change to the extent of the curfew, because the District of Boane is no longer covered and the maximum curfew limit is now 11 pm, in contrast with the previous one, which was 10 pm.

■ **Religious services and celebrations, funeral ceremonies, conferences and meetings:**

The maximum number of people allowed to attend religious services, meetings, religious celebrations and funeral ceremonies has been increased. Previously, the number of participants could not exceed 30% of the maximum capacity of each venue and a maximum of 50 people in closed venues and 100 people in open venues. Under the current legislation, the number of participants may not exceed 40% of the maximum capacity of each venue and a maximum of 75 people in closed venues and 150 people in open venues. Naturally, they must respect the protocol issued by health authorities.