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QUARANTINE ACT, R.S.A. C. Q5

QUARANTINE (COVID-19) (ARRIVING PASSENGERS HEALTH CLEARANCE) (NO. 3) (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2021

Rules made by the Quarantine Authority and approved by the Governor in Council under section 5(2)(c) of the Quarantine Act, (R.S.A. c. Q5).

WHEREAS the disease known as coronavirus (Covid-19) threatens the public health and safety of many territories and states around the globe resulting in widespread infection of persons and resultant deaths of many;

AND WHEREAS under and by virtue of the Public Health Act R.S.A. c. P125, the Minister responsible for health is empowered to take necessary measures to protect and preserve the public health and safety of the people of Anguilla from any infectious or notifiable disease;

AND WHEREAS the Minister has exercised such powers pursuant to section 8 of the Public Health Act by enacting Public Health (COVID-19 Regulation of Ports) Regulations, 2020 (R.A. 93/2020);

AND WHEREAS section 2 of the aforementioned Regulations provides that for the purpose of preventing or controlling the spread of the Covid-19 disease, the entry or departure by aircraft, ships, vessels or boats to or from any place in Anguilla is regulated until 17 April 2021;

AND Whereas section 2 of the Public Health (COVID-19 Regulation of Ports) Regulations 2020 (R.A. 93/2020) allows for the entry into Anguilla of aircrafts, ships, vessels or boats used for the repatriation of Anguillan citizens to Anguilla;

AND WHEREAS the Government has reopened its ports to permit entry into Anguilla of pre-approved visitors;

AND WHEREAS section 5 of the Quarantine Act provides that the Quarantine Authority may make rules for the governance of places where persons or things are detained or taken for examination and of places used for the observation or isolation of persons;

AND WHEREAS the Chief Medical Officer has been appointed as the Quarantine Authority pursuant to the section 3 of the Quarantine Act;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue and in the exercise of the powers vested in me by section 5 of the Quarantine Act, I, DR. AISHA ANREWIN, Chief Medical Officer, by and with the approval of the Governor in Council, hereby make the Rules which shall now follow---

Interpretation

1. In these Rules the principal Rules means the Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules, 2020.

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General amendment

2. The principal Rules are amended by deleting the phrase "PCR COVID-19 test" wherever it appears and substituting the phrase "RT-PCR COVID-19 test".

Amendment of section 1

3. The principal Rules are amended in section 1 by deleting the definition of "PCR COVID-19 test" and substituting the following definition is in appropriate alphabetical order----

""RT- PCR COVID-19 test" means "Real Time Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction COVID-19 test".

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Amendment to section 5

4. The principal Rules are amended in section 5 by inserting the following subsection after subsection (2)---

"(2A) The test referred to in subsection (2) shall be a test undertaken in the country from which a person is travelling to Anguilla.".

Citation

5. These Rules may be cited as the Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules, 2021.

Rules made by the Quarantine Authority and approved by Governor in Council on March, 2021.

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