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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COVID-19)
PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE AND DESIGNATED MAXI TAXIS
AND TOUR COACHES (NO. 2) DIRECTIVE, 2020**

WHEREAS by paragraph 15A of the *Emergency Management (Covid-19) Order, 2020* (S.I. 2020 No. 16) it is provided, *inter alia*, that the Prime Minister, on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chairman of the Transport Authority may, during a public health emergency, issue a directive designating the use of certain motor vehicles as public service vehicles;

AND WHEREAS a public health emergency exists in Barbados;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power and authority in me vested and on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer and the Chairman of the Transport Authority I hereby revoke the Emergency Management (Covid-19) Public Service Vehicle and Designated Maxi Taxi and Tour Coaches Directive, 2020 published on 30th May, 2020 with effect from midnight on 14th June, 2020 and I issue the following Directive.

1. With effect from the 15th day of June, 2020 to 30th day of June, 2020, inclusive, the Prime Minister hereby designates those maxi taxis and tour coaches, the permit holders of which are parties to the Agreement known as "The Transport Augmentation Project" (TAP), to transport passengers to and from their destinations in a safe, efficient and hygienic manner, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the TAP Agreement aforesaid and the conditions set out in this Directive.
2. With effect from 15th day of June, 2020 to 30th day of June, 2020, inclusive, all maxi taxis and tour coaches referred to in paragraph 1 are hereby authorised to
 - (a) ply for hire on the same terms and subject to the same conditions as motor omnibuses, minibuses and route taxis;

- (b) pick up and set down passengers at bus stops;
- (c) charge each passenger the prescribed fare; and
- (d) enter and make use of
 - (i) the Constitution River Motor Omnibus Terminal;
 - (ii) the Fairchild Street Motor Omnibus Terminal;
 - (iii) the Princess Alice Motor Omnibus Terminal; and
 - (iv) the Speightstown Motor Omnibus Terminal,

as if they were registered and licensed as motor omnibuses, minibuses or route taxis, as the case may be.

- 3. (1) With effect from 15th day of June, 2020 to 30th day of June, 2020 every
 - (a) motor omnibus, minibus and route taxi; and
 - (b) maxi taxi and tour coach designated under paragraph 1

is permitted to carry its authorised number of sitting passengers and half of its authorised number of standing passengers.

- (2) The driver, conductor and passengers on vehicles mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) shall wear face masks throughout the journey.
- (3) Except for inclement weather, the windows in a motor omnibus, minibus, route taxi, maxi taxi and tour coach shall remain open throughout the journey.

4. Every
 - (a) motor omnibus, minibus and route taxi; and
 - (b) maxi taxi and tour coach designated under paragraph 1shall be sanitized after putting down passengers and before taking up new passengers at the motor omnibus terminals referred to in paragraph 2(d).
5. For the purposes of this Directive,
 - (a) "Transport Authority" means the Transport Authority established by the *Transport Authority Act*, Cap. 295A;
 - (b) "maxi taxi" and "tour coach" have the meanings assigned to them by section 2(1) of the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295; and
 - (c) the motor omnibus terminals listed in paragraph 2 have the meaning assigned to them by the *Motor Omnibus Terminals Regulations, 1986* (S.I. 1986 No. 131).
6. A permit holder referred to in paragraph 1 who breaches the TAP Agreement aforementioned is liable to have the authority conferred on him by paragraph 2 rescinded.
7.
 - (1) The owner or operator of any public service vehicle who fails to comply with this Directive is liable to be ordered to cease to operate for the duration of this Directive.
 - (2) For the purposes of this Directive "public service vehicle" has the meaning assigned to it by the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295.

8. Any person who contravenes this Directive is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$50 000 or imprisonment for one year or to both.
9. This Directive shall come into effect on the 15th day of June, 2020.

Made by the Prime Minister this 13th day of June, 2020.

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Prime Minister