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Ease of Restrictions Covid-19 (Business and social distancing)

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As announced by the Prime Minister's office: "The Cabinet, today (Tuesday, 26 May 2020), in a conference call, approved amendments to "Emergency Regulations (Restriction on Activity)" and "Emergency Regulations (Restriction of the Number of Employees in Places of Work", so as to facilitate the continued gradual restoration of economic activity while maintaining public health.

The measures to ease restrictions were approved thanks to the continued decline and stabilization in the number of verified new cases per day in light of the steps taken by the government to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Following are the main points of the amendments that were approved effective tomorrow (Wednesday, 27 May 2020):

* From tomorrow, the operation of restaurants, bars and pubs (table service), swimming pools (except for toddlers' pools), tourist attractions, and public cable cars and boats, will be permitted. Operation will be permitted subject to strict observance of physical distancing, wearing masks, observance of the rules of hygiene, the posting of signs, the delineating of places for standing in line, and regulating customers, and subject to the detailed purple badge standard instructions that will be published. It should be clarified that the restriction on seating in fast food courts in malls is still in effect.

* The restriction on the number of people allowed to be present in open areas in stores, malls, open-air markets and businesses for non-medical treatment on the human body has been mitigated. The restriction is as follows: One person per seven square meters or as per the number of people permitted subject to the restriction on

gatherings according to the public health order (up to 50 people) and on condition that the open area allows the maintaining of two meters' distance between people. It is further determined that in open areas with service counters, barriers will be placed so as to prevent the transfer of droplets between those providing and those receiving service (according to the requirement currently applicable to stores).

* Businesses may return to activity subject to the above instructions and according to the following:

1. Eateries, bars and pubs – The ratio of those present shall be as set forth in the business license or regarding businesses the maximum capacity of which is over 100 people, up to 85% of the permitted number of customers.

2. Swimming pools – The ratio of visitors (in the water) will be one person per six square meters.

3. Cable cars – Up to half the maximum number of passengers shall be permitted to ride, and no more than 20 people in any case.

* Anyone operating a business not in compliance with the rules is committing an offense subject to a fine of NIS 2,000. Anyone operating a hall, garden or place for events not in an open area, or with a number of people in excess of the number permitted for gatherings is committing an offense subject to a fine of NIS 5,000.

* Those operating an eatery, pub, swimming pool, attraction or cable car shall be entitled to operate them for two working days from the date of the standards' publication without having to file an online declaration at the Economy Ministry website as is required for operating a public place, in order to organize and prepare properly.

* The restriction on the number of customers allowed to be present in a business has been mitigated such that employers will be entitled to have reception hours provided that the ratio of one customer per seven square meters, or more than two customers per worker providing service, is maintained.

* The restriction on the number of workers allowed to be present in rooms at the workplace has been mitigated such that the numerical restriction shall be abrogated provided that two meters' distance between workers is maintained or as long as there is a barrier to prevent the transfer of droplets even if less than two meters' distance between workers is maintained.

* Up to 50 people may be present at professional meetings provided that at least two meters' distance is maintained between people.

* Two passengers (as opposed to one), in addition to the driver, may travel in a private vehicle. In private vehicles with more than one back row, an additional passenger may sit in the additional row. A greater number of passengers may travel provided that they reside in the same home or if there is an essential need for a greater number of people to travel together. Two passengers (as opposed to one) may sit in the same back row in a taxi, except for people who live in the same place."

Happy Shavuot!

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