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Ordering of measures to protect the health of the population amid the COVID-19 pandemic situation

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WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic on 11 March 2020;

WHEREAS, under section 118 of the Public Health Act (chapter S-2.2), the Government may declare a public health emergency in all or part of the territory of Québec where a serious threat to the health of the population, whether real or imminent, requires the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the pandemic constitutes a serious and real threat to the health of the population that continues to require the immediate application of certain measures provided for in section 123 of the Act;

WHEREAS, while the public health emergency is in effect, despite any provision to the contrary, the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services, if the Minister has been so empowered, may, without delay and without further formality, take any of the measures provided for in subparagraphs 1 to 8 of the first paragraph of section 123 of the Act to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS, by Order in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, the Government declared a public health emergency and took certain measures to protect the health of the population;

WHEREAS the public health emergency was renewed until 29 March 2020 by Order in Council 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, until 7 April 2020 by

Order in Council 388-2020 dated 29 March 2020, until 16 April 2020 by Order in Council 418-2020 dated 7 April 2020, until 24 April 2020 by Order in Council 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, until 29 April 2020 by Order in Council 478-2020 dated 22 April 2020, until 6 May 2020 by Order in Council 483-2020 dated 29 April 2020, until 13 May 2020 by Order in Council 501-2020 dated 6 May 2020, until 20 May 2020 by Order in Council 509-2020 dated 13 May 2020, until 27 May 2020 by Order in Council 531-2020 dated 20 May 2020, until 3 June 2020 by Order in Council 544-2020 dated 27 May 2020, until 10 June 2020 by Order in Council 572-2020 dated 3 June 2020, until 17 June 2020 by Order in Council 593-2020 dated 10 June 2020, until 23 June 2020 by Order in Council 630-2020 dated 17 June 2020, until 30 June 2020 by Order in Council 667-2020 dated 23 June 2020, until 8 July 2020 by Order in Council 690-2020 dated 30 June 2020, until 15 July 2020 by Order in Council 717-2020 dated 8 July 2020, until 22 July 2020 by Order in Council 807-2020 dated 15 July 2020, until 29 July 2020 by Order in Council 811-2020 dated 22 July 2020, until 5 August 2020 by Order in Council 814-2020 dated 29 July 2020, until 12 August 2020 by Order in Council 815-2020 dated 5 August 2020, until 19 August 2020 by Order in Council 818-2020 dated 12 August 2020, until 26 August 2020 by Order in Council 845-2020 dated 19 August 2020, until 2 September 2020 by Order in Council 895-2020 dated 26 August 2020, until 9 September 2020 by Order in Council 917-2020 dated 2 September 2020, until 16 September 2020 by Order in Council 925-2020 dated 9 September 2020, until 23 September 2020 by Order in Council 948-2020 dated 16 September 2020, until 30 September 2020 by Order in Council 965-2020 dated 23 September 2020, until 7 October 2020 by Order in Council 1000-2020 dated 30 September 2020, until 14 October 2020 by Order in Council 1023-2020 dated 7 October 2020, until 21 October 2020 by Order in Council 1051-2020 dated 14 October 2020, until 28 October 2020 by Order in Council 1094-2020 dated 21 October 2020, until 4 November 2020 by Order in Council 1113-2020 dated 28 October 2020, until 11 November 2020 by Order in Council 1150-2020 dated 4 November 2020, until 18 November 2020 by Order in Council 1168-2020 dated 11 November 2020, until 25 November 2020 by Order in Council 1210-2020 dated 18 November 2020, until 2 December 2020 by Order in Council 1242-2020 dated 25 November 2020, until 9 December 2020 by Order in Council 1272-2020 dated 2 December 2020 and until 18 December 2020 by Order in Council 1308-2020 dated 9 December 2020, until 25 December 2020 by Order in Council 1351-2020 dated 16 December 2020 and until 1 January 2021 by Order in Council 1418-2020 dated 23 December 2020;

WHEREAS that latter Order in Council provides that the measures provided for by Orders in Council 177-2020 dated 13 March 2020, 222-2020 dated 20 March 2020, 460-2020 dated 15 April 2020, 505-2020 dated 6 May 2020, 566-2020 dated 27 May 2020, 615-2020 dated 10 June 2020, 651-2020 dated 17 June 2020, 689-2020 dated 25 June 2020, 810-2020 dated 15 July 2020, 813-2020 dated 22 July 2020, 817-2020 dated 5 August 2020, 885-2020 dated 19 August 2020, 913-2020 dated 26 August 2020, 943-2020 dated 9 September 2020, 947-2020 dated 11 September 2020, 964-2020 dated 21 September 2020, 1020-2020 dated

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30 September 2020, 1039-2020 dated 7 October 2020, 1145-2020 dated 28 October 2020 and 1346-2020 dated 9 December 2020, and by Ministerial Orders 2020-004 dated 15 March 2020, 2020-007 dated 21 March 2020, 2020-008 dated 22 March 2020, 2020-013 dated 1 April 2020, 2020-014 dated 2 April 2020, 2020-015 dated 4 April 2020, 2020-016 dated 7 April 2020, 2020-017 dated 8 April 2020, 2020-019 and 2020-020 dated 10 April 2020, 2020-022 dated 15 April 2020, 2020-023 dated 17 April 2020, 2020-026 dated 20 April 2020, 2020-027 dated 22 April 2020, 2020-028 dated 25 April 2020, 2020-029 dated 26 April 2020, 2020-030 dated 29 April 2020, 2020-031 dated 3 May 2020, 2020-032 dated 5 May 2020, 2020-033 dated 7 May 2020, 2020-034 dated 9 May 2020, 2020-035 dated 10 May 2020, 2020-037 dated 14 May 2020, 2020-038 dated 15 May 2020, 2020-039 dated 22 May 2020, 2020-041 dated 30 May 2020, 2020-042 dated 4 June 2020, 2020-043 dated 6 June 2020, 2020-044 dated 12 June 2020, 2020-045 dated 17 June 2020, 2020-047 dated 19 June 2020, 2020-048 dated 26 June 2020, 2020-049 dated 4 July 2020, 2020-050 dated 7 July 2020, 2020-051 dated 10 July 2020, 2020-058 dated 17 August 2020, 2020-059 dated 26 August 2020, 2020-060 dated 28 August 2020, 2020-061 dated 1 September 2020, 2020-062 dated 4 September 2020, 2020-063 dated 11 September 2020, 2020-064 dated 17 September 2020, 2020-067 dated 19 September 2020, 2020-069 dated 22 September 2020, 2020-074 dated 2 October 2020, 2020-076 dated 5 October 2020, 2020-078 dated 10 October 2020, 2020-079 dated 15 October 2020, 2020-080 dated 21 October 2020, 2020-081 dated 22 October 2020, 2020-084 dated 27 October 2020, 2020-085 dated 28 October 2020, 2020-086 dated 1 November 2020, 2020-087 dated 4 November 2020, 2020-088 dated 9 November 2020, 2020-090 dated 11 November 2020, 2020-091 dated 13 November 2020, 2020-093 dated 17 November 2020, 2020-096 dated 25 November 2020, 2020-097 dated 1 December 2020, 2020-099 and 2020-100 dated 3 December 2020, 2020-101 dated 5 December 2020, 2020-102 dated 9 December 2020, 2020-103 dated 13 December 2020, 2020-104 dated 15 December 2020, 2020-105 dated 17 December 2020 and 2020-106 dated 20 December 2020, except to the extent that they were amended by those Orders in Council or Ministerial Orders, continue to apply until 1 January 2021 or until the Government or the Minister of Health and Social Services modifies or terminates them;

WHEREAS it is expedient to order certain measures to protect the health of the population;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Health and Social Services:

THAT every activity carried out in a retail commercial establishment be suspended, except for

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- (1) grocery stores and other food stores;
- (2) pharmacies;
- (3) hardware stores;
- (4) service stations;
- (5) pet food and supply stores;
- (6) work equipment stores (safety and protection);
- (7) stores that sell products, parts, and other material necessary for transportation and logistics services, and vehicle repair or maintenance, including vehicle repair and maintenance centres, but excluding the sale of vehicles;
- (8) convenience stores;
- (9) farm products stores;
- (10) medical, orthopaedic, and eye care products stores;
- (11) household and building cleaning products stores;
- (12) big-box stores and other sales areas offering customers a wide variety of categories of products, including food, pharmacy or hardware products;
- (13) the Société des alcools du Québec and the Société québécoise du cannabis;

THAT every activity carried out by personal care and beauty care enterprises also be suspended;

THAT, in a pharmacy referred to in subparagraph 2 of the first paragraph of the operative part of this Order in Council, only products essential to everyday life may be sold to customers;

THAT, in a hardware store referred to in subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph of the operative part of this Order in Council, only products required for outdoor maintenance, repair or construction may be sold to customers;

THAT, in a big-box store or a sales area referred to in subparagraph 12 of the first paragraph of the operative part of this Order in Council,

(1) only products usually sold in one of the businesses referred to in any of subparagraphs 1 to 7 of the first paragraph of the operative part of this Order in Council may be accessible or sold to customers, which excludes toys, clothing, books, electronic devices, decorative items, cookware and household appliances;

(2) the third and fourth paragraphs of the operative part of this Order in Council apply to pharmacy and hardware products offered to customers;

THAT the customers of a shopping centre be allowed to travel through the common areas of the centre only to access directly a business referred to in any of subparagraphs 1 to 13 of the first paragraph of the operative part, and other premises whose activities are not suspended;

THAT that suspension not prevent e-commerce or any other form of distance commerce where products are delivered to customers;

THAT pick-up, in a retail commercial establishment or curbside, of purchases made remotely be limited to products that may be sold under this Order in Council;

THAT that suspension also not prevent the continuation, in a retail commercial establishment, of computer and electronic equipment repair services, sports and outdoor recreational equipment repair and rental services, and tool rental services;

THAT this Order in Council not operate to prevent the supply of essential goods and services, in an emergency context or following a disaster, or the provision of care or health services or social services;

THAT the fourth and fifth paragraphs of the operative part of Ministerial Order 2020-096 dated 25 November 2020 be revoked;

THAT the Minister of Health and Social Services be empowered to order any modification or clarification of the measures provided for in this Order in Council;

THAT this Order in Council take effect from 25 December 2020.