

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

Based on the Cabinet resolutions of 14th July 2021 that instituted a lockdown in the City of Kigali and other identified districts (Kamonyi, Musanze, Burera, Rubavu, Rutsiro, Gicumbi, Rwamagana and Nyagatare), the following are essential services that have been approved in the Trade and Industry sectors as well as related services:

1. ESSENTIAL BUSINESS

1. Markets and shops selling food
2. Trade of meat, milk and dairy products
3. E-commerce
4. Service delivery operators
5. Essential financial services of banks and other financial institutions
6. Insurance services
7. Mobile money services
8. Waste collection and other essential sanitary services
9. Customs and taxations services
10. Trade of petroleum products and gas
11. Telecommunication services

Specific instructions for trading of essentials goods

- Markets and shops selling food items will operate at 30% capacity and close at 5:00 P.M.
- Market traders will rotate according to market arrangements to ensure continued business activity in adherence to COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Businesses should not speculatively increase prices of the essential goods and services.

2. FACTORIES

Only factories that have applied for and received permission to operate by the Ministry of Trade are allowed in the following sectors:

1. Agro-processing factories
2. Factories producing construction materials
3. Factories producing sanitary products
4. Factories producing face-masks and medical equipment
5. Packaging factories

Special instruction related to factories

- Industries operating in other districts will continue to operate as per the new COVID-19 preventives measures.
- The list of approved industries during lockdown period are requested to observe all COVID-19 preventive measures including using 30% of all workers and closing all operations at 5:00 P.M.
- Workers will be tested COVID-19 on their working sites with the assistance of Rwanda Bio Medical Center (RBC).

Requests for operations and movement clearance shall be addressed to the Ministry of Trade and Industry through this email: movementclearance@minicom.gov.rw

Clearance application form can be found on MINICOM website: www.minicom.gov.rw

For any enquiry and further clarification, please call: **3739, 0788319631** or **0781793637**

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