IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Health has, in terms of section 8(1) of the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) Regulations, 2020 (published in Statutory Instrument 77 of 2020), made the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 41).

2. The Public Health (COVID-19 Prevention, Containment and Treatment) (National Lockdown) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (No. 40), published in Statutory Instrument 18 of 2022, is amended in section 2—

(a) by the repeal of paragraph (e) and the substitution of—

“(e) for the purpose of section 8 (“Power to close ports of entry and exit”)—

(i) all returning residents and visitors have to undergo a valid PCR test not more than 48 hours from the time of their departure for Zimbabwe and—

A. those visitors not presenting a valid negative PCR test and a certificate to that effect shall be denied entry into Zimbabwe;

B. those returning residents not presenting a valid negative PCR test and a certificate to that effect shall—

I. undergo at their own expense a valid PCR test; and

II. be quarantined at their own cost for ten days, while those found to be positive will be isolated in accordance with the provisions of the principal order:
Provided that this paragraph does not apply to any returning resident or visitor who exhibits to an enforcement officer a valid vaccination certificate to the effect that he or she has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by means of any one or more of the vaccines approved by the World Health Organisation for that purpose;”;

(b) by the insertion of the following paragraph after paragraph (f)—

“(g) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Order, restrictions on the numbers of persons at gatherings which, but for the principal Order, would be permitted gatherings as referred to in the Schedule to the Maintenance of Peace and Order Act [Chapter 11:23], are removed until such time as the Minister by notice in Gazette may reimpose them.”.