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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President, acting in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has with immediate effect suspended all liquor licences issued in terms of the Liquor Act.

The suspension of the sale of alcohol is based on evidence that consumption of alcohol increases the risks posed by COVID-19 due to its negative effects on adherence to COVID-19 protocols. All liquor stores in Botswana shall therefore remain closed and liquor shall not be sold or consumed in public places until further notice.

For purposes of this Government Notice, "liquor" includes all traditional beers.

For the avoidance of doubt, "liquor licence" means a –

- (a) bar liquor licence;
- (b) bottle store liquor licence;
- (c) liquor depot licence;
- (d) discotheque/ nightclub licence;
- (e) distributor liquor licence;
- (f) wholesale liquor licence;
- (g) club liquor licence;
- (h) temporary liquor licence;
- (i) restaurant bar licence; and
- (j) traditional beer liquor depot licence.

[Government Notice No. 305 of 2020](#) is hereby revoked.

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