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"For efficient & effective containment of COVID 19"

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NOTIFICATION

The office of the COVID-19 Task Force Center, Trongsa would like to notify all the Gewog Administration to strictly monitor the Dos and Don'ts of lockdown implementation protocol in your respective Gewog.

To facilitate 'lockdown' implementation and monitoring, zones and sub-zones are created which will operate under the three Risk Categories: High Risk Zones, Medium Risk Zones, and Low Risk Zones.

1. **High Risk Zones (HRZ):** A high risk zone is declared if there are likely cases of transmission due the nature of its location, economic activity and mass movement of people. HRZ can also be declared if within that zone, there's confirmed cases of Covid disease, likely possibility of people's contact with confirmed Covid victims, residence of Primary/secondary contact victims etc. Within this zone:

- HRZ declared & Complete lockdown protocol activated
- No movement of peoples allowed outside their apartment, buildings and premises
- Only approved personals permitted to enter/exit the zone
- Delivery of essential by 'door to door' delivery protocol following strict safety protocols
- 24 hours monitoring/supervision

2. **Medium Risk Zone (MRZ):** MRZ categories a zone that does not have confirmed cases of Covid disease but has the possibility of 'community transmission' due to the nature of its location, economic activity and mass movement. In case, a national lockdown is declared and activation by zone is approved; those people living in MRZ or within these Zones:

- Each household will be issued a 'CARD' that will contain basic instructions and allowed time frame reminder; and permit one person to move at a time from the household.
- People can move out of their houses, flats, buildings to shop/collect essential items, take walks within their zone boundaries during the specified time frame.
- When out of the house - all must wear face-mask, maintain social distance, avoid
- gathering/crowd, use hand sanitizers/wash hands before entering their home and after making contact with any other public items.
- For essential items, people have choice to have it delivered to the 'collection centers' or
- visit the identified/approved 'convenient stores' within the zone.
- Farmers - farmers within this zone, can move to work in their field/fields, deploy farm hands from neighbors, and transportation of farm tools.

3. **Low Risk Zone (LRZ):** Those settlements like our villages by nature of their location, economic activity and the given isolation - does not have any 'community transmission' and can be prevented with certain preventive measures in place - can be declared Low Risk Zone. With LRZ declaration the zones can:

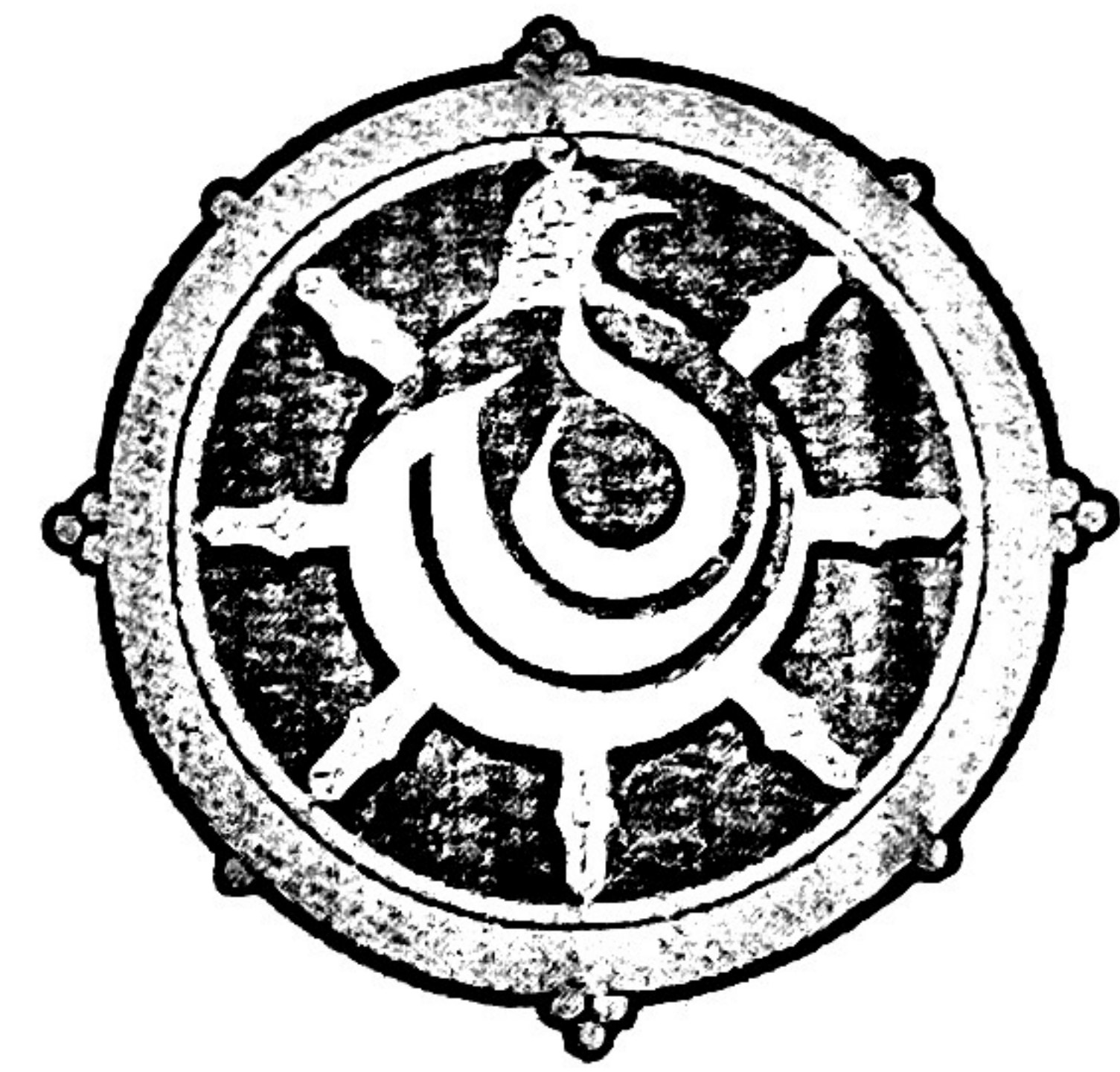
Besides being allowed to do all things mentioned in MRZ ...

- Allow movement across similar zones declared LR - to transport farm equipments, farm hands hire/exchange or procure basic items (if not available) to work in their fields.

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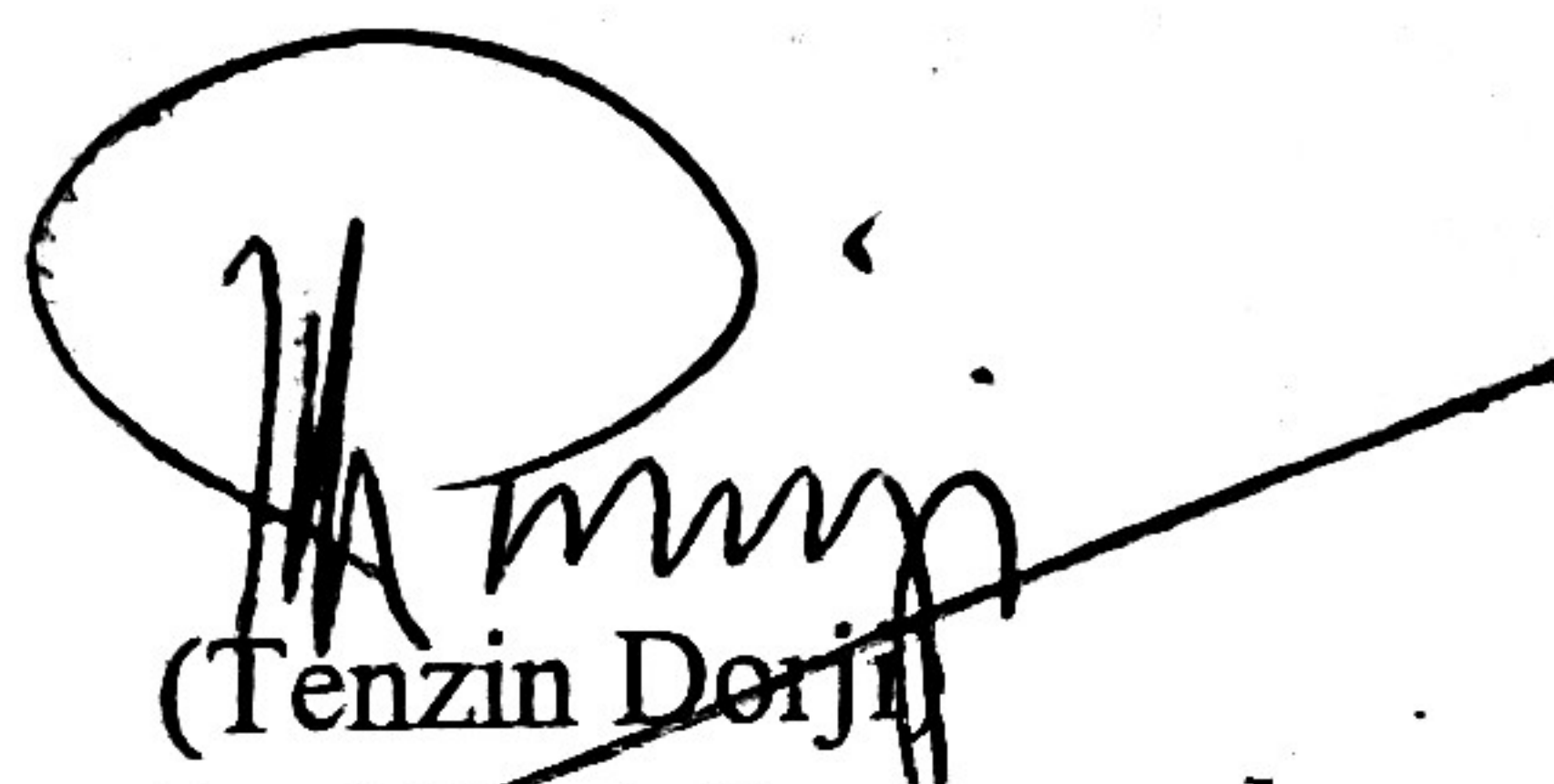
- While on the move, standard safety protocols must be maintained.
- To move out of their zone to another Gewog - movement approval/pass must be obtained and produced when required.

4. Movement authorization within Gewog and out of Gewog jurisdiction

- Gewog Administration can review the purpose of people's movement within your catchment and authorize accordingly in daily basis
- Movement permit for any individual within the Gewog shall not issue from the COVID-19 Task Force Center hereafter till further notice
- Movement permit shall issue from the COVID-19 Task Force Center if the movement of the individuals are beyond the respective Gewog jurisdiction
- Issuing of both vehicle and people movement permit within the Gewog shall issue from the Gewog Administration

Therefore, the Gewog Administrations are hereby instructed to adhere the above **LOCKDOWN Implementation Protocol** within the Gewog with effect from 23rd August 2020 till further notification.

Thanking you,



(Tenzin Dorji)
Incident Commander
Trongsa Covid 19 Task Force Center

Copy to:

- The Central Region COVID-19 Task Force Committee, Thumphu for kind information
- All Gewog Thrizin, Nubi, Tangsibji, Draggteng, Langthil & Korphu Gewogs
- The Superintendent of Police, RBP, Trongsa
- The office of the COVID-19 Task Force Center, Trongsa.

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