

*Water and Sewerage (Water-Related Emergency)
(Declaration) Order*

SAINT LUCIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT, 2020, No. 75

[15th May, 2020]

WHEREAS it is provided under section 10(1) of the Water and Sewerage Act, Cap. 9.03 that where on the advice of the Water Resource Management Agency, the Minister responsible for agriculture is satisfied that by reason of an exceptional shortage of rain, or contamination of water, a serious deficiency of supplies of water exists or is threatened, the Minister responsible for agriculture shall immediately, by Order published in the *Gazette*, declare a water-related emergency;

AND WHEREAS the Minister responsible for agriculture, on the advice of the Water Resource Management Agency, is satisfied that an exceptional shortage of rain or a serious deficiency of supplies of water exists or is threatened;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to section 10(1) of the Water and Sewerage Act, Cap. 9.03, on the advice of the Water Resource Management Agency and on being satisfied that an exceptional shortage of rain or a serious deficiency of supplies of water exists or is threatened, the Minister responsible for agriculture makes this Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Water and Sewerage (Water-Related Emergency) (Declaration) Order, 2020.

(2) This Order comes into force on the 18th day of May, 2020.

Declaration of water-related emergency

2. A water-related emergency is declared.

Prohibitions

3. The prohibitions specified in the Schedule apply in all areas of the island of Saint Lucia served by drought-affected water supply systems and remains in effect until further notice.

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Offence and penalty

4.—(1) A person shall not use, cause or permit to be used water supplies by or obtained from the pipes of the Water and Sewerage Company Inc. for an activity prohibited under section 3.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding three thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six months or to both and to a further fine not exceeding fifty dollars for each day during which the contravention continues.

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SCHEDULE

(Section 3)

PROHIBITIONS

The following prohibitions apply —

- (1) The use of water supplied by or obtained through the pipes of the Water and Sewerage Company Inc. —
 - (a) for the washing of a vehicle using a hose;
 - (b) for watering of a lawn, hedge, garden, farm, ground and recreational field;
 - (c) for pressure-washing of a house using a hose or watering or washing a roadway, pavement, path, garage or out-room;
 - (d) for concrete mixing and block-making;
 - (e) to fill a leaking or an overflowing storage tank and a swimming pool.
- (2) The tampering of the Water and Sewerage Company Inc. infrastructure to divert or abstract water from its network.
- (3) Abstraction of raw water upstream of the Water and Sewerage Company Inc. infrastructure.
- (4) An activity which may require the use of a considerable or excessive quantity of water.

Made this 14th day of May, 2020.

EZECHIEL JOSEPH,
Minister responsible for agriculture.