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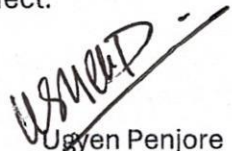
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**NOTIFICATION**

Following the repeal of the Rule designating Tuesday as a "dry day" by the Government, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment notifies all businesses to comply with the business hours specified below; which shall be applied uniformly throughout the country.

- Places of entertainment under category A (Karaoke, Discotheque, Live Music and Snooker/ Billiard) and restaurants that are allowed to serve wine and liquor/ alcoholic beverages can operate their businesses on all days of the week;
- Places of entertainment shall close their business on or before 3:00 AM;
- All other businesses shall close their business on or before midnight i.e. 12:00 AM;
- Businesses that are allowed to serve wine and liquor/ alcoholic beverages shall not serve wine and liquor/ alcoholic beverages before 1.00 PM at all times;
- Fuel retail outlet services shall be provided 24/7;
- 24/7 Convenience Stores shall continue to follow its business hours as usual;
- The current status of 24/7 business hours in the notified border towns shall continue until further notice;
- Respective Dzongkhag and Thromde Authorities may extend business hours on special occasions as appropriate and necessary through a written notification;

The notification is for general compliance by all businesses with immediate effect.

  
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