

BELIZE:

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2024**

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 2.
3. Amendment of section 27A.

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for

AN ACT to amend the Disaster Preparedness and Response Act, Chapter 145 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, to expand the definition of disaster emergency to include Orders made under the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act in relation quarantine pests and notifiable pests of potential or substantial national economic; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Gazetted....., 2024).

BE IT ENACTED, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate of Belize and the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Disaster Preparedness and Response Act, which is hereinafter referred to as the principal Act.

Interpretation.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended in by deleting the definition of “disaster emergency” and substituting the following–

““disaster emergency” means–

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- (a) a public emergency declared under section 18(1)(b) of the Belize Constitution, on account of the threat or occurrence of a disaster;
- (b) disaster areas declaration order made under section 27A of this Act; or

(c) an Order made under section 33 or 35 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act, declaring or identifying a plant pest or animal pest as a notifiable plant pest or a quarantine pest, as the case may be;”.

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3. Section 27A(3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the words “is in force” the words “or where there is a disaster emergency as a result of an Order made under section 33 or 35 of the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act”.

Amendment of section 27A.