INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

NO.2 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL MEASURES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following Measures:

1. A port of entry stated in Column One in Schedule One, being a port of entry into Papua New Guinea ('PNG') from another country is:

   a. a First Port of Entry for aircrafts or vessels coming from another country into PNG as stated in Column Two for the time period of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act; and

   b. a quarantine station for the performance of quarantine by any authorised person on any vessel, person, animal, plant or goods coming from another country into PNG;

   c. designated as a Point of Entry for the purposes of Article 20(1) of the *International Health Regulations* (2005).

2. No vehicle, vessel or aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG which is not declared a First Port of Entry per Paragraph 1 of these Measures.

3. No aircraft coming into PNG from another country, shall have entry at a Port of Entry in PNG, unless:

   a. the aircraft is departing from an airport in a country or region listed in Schedule 2; or
   b. the aircraft is operated by an organization listed in Schedule 3; or
   c. exempted in writing by the Controller.

4. No person(s) shall cause a vehicle, vessel or aircraft to arrive at a port of entry in Papua New Guinea which is not a declared First Port of Entry under Paragraph 1 of these Measures.

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5. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless provided an exemption in writing by the Controller or his delegate, applications must include the documents contained in Schedule 5, and persons must have the documents set out in Schedule 6 when checking in.

6. All travel exemptions obtained after 15 January 2021, in accordance with paragraph 5 will be valid for 90 days from the date of approval.

7. All travel exemptions obtained in accordance with paragraph 5 may only be used once.

8. Subject to paragraph 9, no person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless:

   a. they have been tested for COVID-19 within a 7-day period prior to boarding an aircraft; and

   b. have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.

9. For the purposes of paragraph 8, only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests shall be accepted.

10. All travellers are to complete the e-Health Declaration Form prior to boarding a flight into PNG.

11. Subject to paragraph 14, all persons entering PNG must be quarantined at a designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 4, at the individual 's cost, or at a location designated by the Controller.

12. Persons who has been vaccinated against COVID-19 are not exempt from quarantine upon arrival in PNG.

13. Except for persons subject to paragraph 14, all persons required to quarantine in compliance with paragraph 11 are required:

    a. to quarantine under these Measures at a designated place in Schedule 5, or at another location directed by the Controller; and

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b. must reside and remain in that place self-quarantined and segregated from other persons, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG; and

c. for the duration of a person's quarantine be monitored through an approved tracking device, as listed in schedule 7, by an approved organization as listed in schedule 8.

d. the fee applicable for the purposes of paragraph 13(c) is set out in schedule 9.

14. Foreign personnel travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 11 and 13, but must quarantine at an appropriate residence, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the fourteenth day after arrival into PNG.

15. For the purposes of paragraph 14, failure to adhere to quarantine for 14 days is not an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020.*

16. For the purposes of paragraph 14, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for 14 days may be declared a persona non grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961.*

17. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.

18. Persons unable to live independently without ongoing or regular support due to significant health needs, and their carer, who arrive in PNG from overseas may also be quarantined together, with suitable arrangements being made for accommodation.

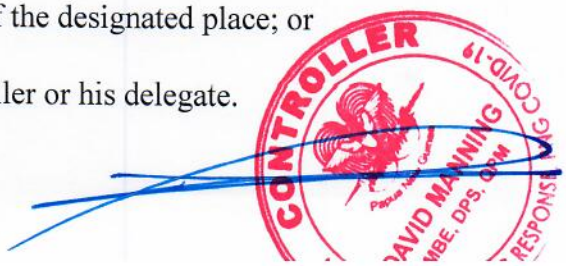
19. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:

a. for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care; or

b. with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies; or

c. in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or

d. for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.



20. A person subject to quarantine shall at the request of the Controller undertake a COVID-19 PCR test while in quarantine.

21. A person who refuses to comply with a request to undertake a COVID-19 PCR test under paragraph 20, shall be quarantined for fourteen days from the date of refusal to be tested, at the individual's cost, but shall not be deemed to have committed an offence.

22. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the plane or the immediate vicinity of the aircraft for the purposes of conducting pre-flight inspections and refueling.

23. For the purpose of these Measures, a person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG if the person does not leave the vessel.

24. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 11 and 13, or as directed by the Controller, a person required to quarantine shall surrender their passport to the hotel in which they are quarantined immediately upon arrival.

25. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 11 and 13, the hotel shall:

    a. take custody of a person's passport for the duration of the persons quarantine;

    b. not return a person's passport to the quarantined person for the duration of the persons quarantine; and

    c. return a person's passport once the person has been released from quarantine by an authorised person.

26. A person travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from paragraphs 20 and 24.

27. The Controller may exempt a person from some or all, of the International Travel Measures, at his sole discretion and subject to conditions he imposes.

28. Subject to paragraph 27, for the purposes of paragraph 11 and 13 an individual who fails to adhere to the required period of quarantine shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.

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29. For the purposes of paragraph 27 a person who fails to adhere to the conditions imposed by the Controller shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020.*

30. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these paragraph 8 and 9 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020.*

31. These measures are in compliance with the COVID-19 measures issued by the International Civil Aviation Authority.

32. Authorised Officers shall ensure appropriate levels of surveillance and border monitoring systems are in place throughout the country for international travel and in particular at the traditional border crossing areas.

33. These Measures come into effect on 13 April 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed: Date:

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Schedule 1 Port of Entry

Column 1	Column 2
Jacksons Airport	Aircraft
Motukea Port, Port Moresby	Vessel
Port of Rabaul	Vessel
Port of Morobe	Vessel
Ports of Madang	Vessel
Port of Kimbe	Vessel

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Schedule 2 – Countries/Regions

New Zealand

Fiji

Solomon Islands

Australia

New Caledonia

Kiribati

Marshall Islands

Tonga

Tuvalu

Hong Kong

Philippines

Federated States of Micronesia

Vanuatu

Cook Islands

Samoa

Singapore

Japan

Schedule 3 – Permitted Airline Operators

Air Niugini

PNG Air

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Tropic Air

Pacific Direct Limited

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Schedule 4 – Designated Hotel and Facilities

Holiday Inn Hotel	Ok Tedi Mining LTD
Ela Beach Hotel	Oil Search LTD
Grand Papua Hotel	Exxon Mobil
Laguna Hotel	Ramu Nickel
Hilton Hotel	Hidden Valley
Stanley Hotel	NewCrest Lihir
Airways Hotel	Summer Institute of Linguistic
Comfort Inn	Pacific Helicopters
Hideaway Hotel	Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
Lamana Hotel	Air Niugini Apartments
Gateway Hotel	Simberi
Dixies Bungalows	Swiss Evangelical Bible Mission
New Tribes Mission	Puena
AES Facility	LE Guest Haus
Northbuild Camp facility	TWM Roku facility
MSF Facilities	Dougura Isolation Facility
NKW	Lae 9 Mile Isolation Facility

Schedule 5 – International Travel Requirements for Travel Applications

- Cover Letter

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- International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- Passport Biodata Page
- Work Permit (if applicable)
- Visa (if applicable)
- Home quarantine request (if applicable)

Schedule 6 – International Travel Requirements for Flight Check In

- PCR Test Result (Negative)
- Approved International Air Passenger Travel Form (I-APTF)
- e-Health Declaration Form barcode (https://www.pnghdf.info)

Schedule 7 – Approved Tracking Devices

- Schedule 4 Designated Locations and Hotels – Smart Phone Application.
- All other approved quarantine locations – Smart Phone Application or Ankle Bracelet.
- For the purposes of the above paragraphs if a person does not have a smart phone, then an Ankle Bracelet will be used.

Schedule 8 – Approved Tracking Organisations

- Trakpro

Schedule 9 – Approved Fees for Tracking Devices

- Smart Phone Application – K40 per day
- Ankle Bracelet – K100 per day

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