

25 March 2020

**CIRCULAR NO.14/2020**

TO : ALL MEMBERS

**FORWARDING PEAK BUSINESS BODIES CIRCULAR.**

For your continued update and information on the COVID-19 State of Emergency, we forward the attached Circular by Peak Business Bodies Group.

The Federation will continue to keep the membership informed of essential information as it becomes available.

Yours Sincerely,



**Florence Willie**  
Executive Director

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### DAY 2 SOE MEETING WITH POLICE MINISTER AND HEALTH MINISTER

#### Background

Business representatives met with Police Minister. Since the issuance of our Circular 002, there have been a total of xx queries from businesses right across the country. Several were duplicates and we will answer them collectively for the purposes of this circular. Nonetheless, our staff will respond to all queries via email.

#### Queries and Responses From Minister of Police

<b>MOVEMENT OF PERSONS FROM INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND PROVINCES</b>		
<b>Query</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Awareness of PMV Operators.	State Controller will deploy officials for awareness to PMV operators.	PMV operators are encouraged to refuse passengers that have flu symptoms and also sanitise busses. State Controller will issue awareness and provide Personal Protective Equipment. This will be relayed to the relevant PMV business associations.
Issuance of NOC 19 Photo IDs to crews traveling on land during SOEs.	For tracing purposes, these IDs will be issued to crews of logistical companies. It was further highlighted a maximum of 4 crew per truck.	Work with business reps so that all logistical companies submit crew details.
Employees that show signs of COVID 19 symptoms.	They are NOT to travel to hospitals and will be refused access.	Management to apply the protocol to self isolate and to contact 180 0200 for Response Unit to check employee.
<b>RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY OFFICIALS AND MPS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY</b>		
<b>Query</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
NAQIA has sent notices of 14 day closure and therefore bio security permits cannot be issued.	NAQIA is not authorised to close. Efforts are underway to restore their activities.	Businesses are requested to supply all information of officers that have issued NAQIA closure so they may be contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations.
Liquor Ban in Eastern Highlands Province	Restrictions on businesses is not authorised by the State Controller. Efforts	Businesses are requested to supply all information of officials that have issued this ban so they may be



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	are underway to remove confusion on such restrictions.	contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations. These include name of officers, location and what government agency they are from.
Restriction on the movement of cargos from provinces by police.	Restrictions on businesses is not authorised by the State Controller. Efforts are underway to remove confusion on such restrictions.	Businesses are requested to supply all information of officials that have issued this ban so they may be contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations. These include name of officers, location and what government agency they are from.
Law and Order escalation along supply chain routes.	PNG Defence Force are preparing to escort all land freights and will commence this operation soon.	Minister Police and SOE Controller will update tomorrow 10am on Operational procedures.
Public Motor Vehicle routes and costs.	Restrictions on businesses is not authorised by the State Controller. Efforts are underway to remove confusion on such restrictions.	Businesses are requested to supply all information of officials that have issued this ban so they may be contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations. These include name of officers, location and what government agency they are from.
Restrictions imposed by provincial, district or local government officials on air freight services.	Restrictions on businesses is not authorised by the State Controller. Efforts are underway to remove confusion on such restrictions.	Businesses are requested to supply all information of officials that have issued this ban so they may be contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations. These include name of officers, location and what government agency they are from.
Restrictions imposed by provincial, district and local governments officials on operations of sea freight services.	Restrictions on businesses is not authorised by the State Controller. Efforts are underway to remove confusion on such restrictions.	Businesses are requested to supply all information of officials that have issued this ban so they may be contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations. These include name of officers, location and what government agency they are from.
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local governments on operations of land freight services.	State Controller. Efforts are underway to remove confusion on such restrictions.	issued this ban so they may be contacted directly by State Controller to resume operations. These include name of officers, location and what government agency they are from.
OTHER QUERIES		
Query	Response	Action Item
Foreign workers work permits, and visas are expiring soon and require advise on next steps.	Urgently supply all details to Business Reps so Minister to action relevant authorities.	Businesses that have this issue are to write a letter identifying employees and attached all related information.

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