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TO : ALL MEMBERS

**EMERGENCY CONTROLLER ISSUES 5 EMERGENCY ORDERS**

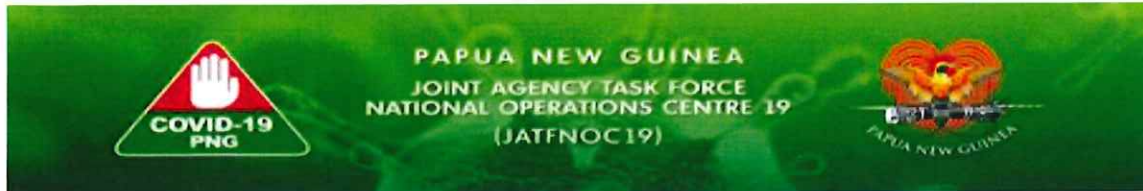
We inform that the Controller of the State of Emergency and Police Commissioner David Manning has issued the first five emergency orders for the State of Emergency due to COVID-19 nationwide. Attached for your information and update are the orders as issued.

The Federation will continue to update members on essential information as they become available.

Yours Sincerely,



**Florence Willie**  
Executive Director



## **STATE OF EMERGENCY**

### **OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

#### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

COVID-19 Update on Day 9

## **Controller Manning issues 5 Emergency Laws**

THE CONTROLLER of the State of Emergency and Police Commissioner David Manning has issued the first five emergency orders for the State of Emergency nationwide.

The five emergency orders for immediate implementation includes:

### **1. National Emergency Order No. 1 – International and Domestic Travel**

Details the point of entry to Papua New Guinea and travel restriction within PNG. The order outlines the restriction and movement of persons, cargo, airplane, vessels, trucks and lists those that will come under exemption category;

### **2. National Emergency Order No. 2 – Business and social gatherings**

The second emergency order generally outlines the conduct of business operations and socials events in the country for the duration of the SOE. This order provides for the controller or an authorized officer to implement necessary measures to maintain normal business operations and ensure social distance and self-hygiene practices are adhered to by all citizens;

**3. National Emergency Order No. 3 – Provincial Coordination**The third emergency order establishes the Provincial Coordination team and appoints all Provincial Administrators as the Authorized Officers according to the Emergency Laws. For the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the Chief Secretary of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville has been appointed as the Authorised Officer under the SOE;

### **4. National Emergency Order No. 4 – Continuance of public utility services**

The fourth emergency order directs that all essentials public utility services such as electricity, water, sewerage and garbage, postal services, telecommunications, fire

service and motor vehicle licensing to take necessary steps to operate as effectively as possible during the national emergency period.

**5. National Emergency Order No. 5 – Government employee protection**

The Controller further directs that all government employees; to continue being paid during the State of Emergency period.

Mr Manning said, "I, as the Police Commissioner and Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency Regulation 2020 hereby issue these orders for immediate implementation and expect that they be adhered."

The five orders are attached/published.

**Mr David Manning, MBE, DPS, QPM**

**Commissioner of Police &**

**Controller of State of Emergency**



## **National Emergency Order No.1**

### **INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulation 2020 (Regulation)*, hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

#### **International Travel**

1. A port of entry into Papua New Guinea ('PNG') from another country stated in Column One in Schedule One 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 National Emergency; 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 person(s), 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 this Order.
3. 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 this Order.
4. No person is permitted to board an aircraft or vessel bound for PNG unless:
  - a. listed in schedule 2 of this Order; or
  - b. provided an exemption in writing by the Emergency Controller.
5. Persons who are coming from another country shall not enter PNG unless:
  - a. working for an organisation listed in schedule 2 of this Order; or
  - b. provided an exemption in writing by the Emergency Controller.

6. All persons who have come into PNG since 7 March 2020, must report through call or text to the following number 1800 200.
7. All persons who enter PNG from the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, must self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

#### **Domestic Travel**

8. No person(s) may travel from one province in PNG to another province, except for persons working for an organisation exempted under Schedule 3, or persons authorised in writing by the Emergency Controller.
9. No person(s) may transport cargo not listed under Schedule 4 of this Order, from one province in PNG to another province, unless authorised by the Emergency Controller.
10. Non-compliance of the above is unlawful and may be penalized under the Regulation or other applicable laws.
11. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.

**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**

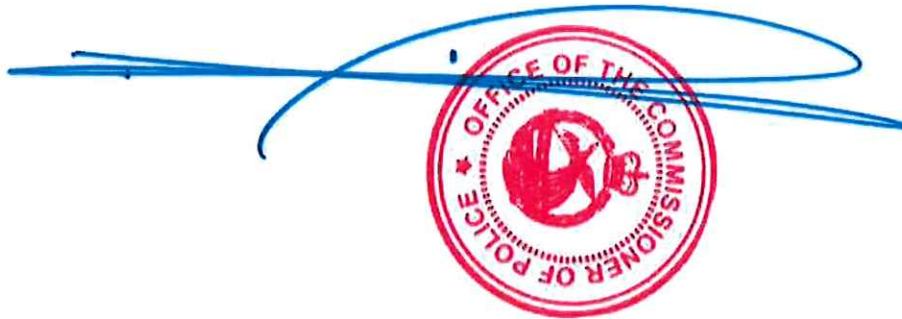


## Schedule 1 Port of Entry

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

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## **Schedule 2 Entry in Papua New Guinea**

1. Health workers or persons assisting in the delivery of health services; and
2. Persons entering PNG for purpose of assisting PNG with its response to COVID-19;
3. Flight crews and cargo vessel crews; and
4. Military and Police personnel.



### **Schedule 3 Inter Provincial Travel (Province to Province)**

- Flight crews, cargo vehicle crews, vessel crews, flight engineers and technical crews (including but not limited to security personnel assisting in the transport of approved goods);
- Military personnel;
- Police personnel;
- Essential Public Servants;
- Persons working on the COVID-19 response;
- Health workers or persons assisting in the delivery of health services;
- PNG Power;
- Eda Ranu;
- PNG Ports;
- Nuigini Pilots;
- Emergency Personal and Support Staff;
- Médecins Sans Frontières;
- International Committee of the Red Cross;
- International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- Papua New Guinea Red Cross Society;
- Abt Associates;
- United Nations;
- World Health Organisation;
- Oil Search Limited;
- Newcrest Mining Limited;
- Ok Tedi Mining Limited;
- Ramu Nico (MCC) Management Limited;
- Crate Gold Mining Limited;
- Kingston Resources;
- Global Drilling;
- St Barbara Simberi;
- Geopacific Resources Limited;
- Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited;
- K-92 Mining;
- Gobe drilling;
- Porgera Joint Venture;
- Puma Energy PNG LTD;
- ExxonMobil PNG Limited;
- Telecommunication service providers or persons assisting in the delivery of telecommunications services;
- In the case of NCD and Central Province, persons travelling between the Provinces for the trade of goods and essential services.
- Mineral Resources Authority;
- MINPAC Construction ;
- LCS Electrical & Mechanical Engineering;
- TE-PNG;
- PAWA Architects;
- IPI Catering.





#### **Schedule 4 Approved Cargo**

- All food items;
- Medical supplies, consumables and equipment;
- Personal protection equipment;
- Emergency response and rescue equipment;
- Hydrocarbons including but not limited to oil, fuel and grease;
- Mechanical spare parts;
- Sanitary and hygiene products (including but not limited to soap, toilet paper and women's hygiene products)
- Machinery;
- Tyres;
- Industrial gases;
- Reagents;
- Communications equipment;
- Water and sanitation equipment and related products;
- Education materials;
- Printed Government, and United Nations communications materials;
- Print media, including but not limited to newspapers;
- Deceased persons and coffins;
- Mine export products, including but not limited to unrefined and refined copper, gold, silver, concentrates, chromite, nickel and cobalt concentrate;
- Cash in Transit; and
- All RPNGC and PNGDF equipment and supplies, including but not limited to firearms, ammunition and explosives.
- Flocculant.
- MHP Products.
- Raw Materials including but not limited to; lime, liquid caustic soda, sulfur.
- Explosive Products for mining purposes including but not limited to; ammonia nitrate, detonator, booster, and accessories.
- Grinding balls.
- Electrical spares parts.
- Hydraulic and pneumatic spare parts.
- Dangerous Goods for mining purpose including but not limited to; Cyanide, sulfuric acid, nitric acid.
- Geotechnical ground support structures and accessories.
- Conveyor rubber belts and accessories.





**National Emergency Order No.2:**

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulation 2020* (Regulation), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. Essential Service Providers in Papua New Guinea ('PNG') shall continue to operate during the National Emergency. The following are deemed to be Essential Services:
  - a. Medical and health services;
  - b. Banking and financial services;
  - c. Grocery shops and supermarkets;
  - d. Manufacturers;
  - e. Telecommunications services;
  - f. Public utilities; and
  - g. Fuel stations.
2. All other Service providers not listed in Paragraph (1) that continue to operate are ordered to adopt and implement safe work practices. This may include where necessary, limiting the number of employees in the workplace, and/or adopting alternative work arrangements.
3. Venues or parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the National Emergency that provide:
  - a. gambling activities and services;
  - b. night club activities and services;
  - c. sports clubs and venues selling tickets to patrons to be spectators of sports, musical or cultural events.
4. No person shall sell, or transport for the purposes of sale, Areca Nut, also known as betelnut or buai; and no person shall purchase from a seller, buai or betelnut for consumption.

5. The Controller or Authorised Officer may implement measures to control the following:

- Overcrowding and social distancing;
- Sanitation;
- Hygiene; and
- Public awareness.

6. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 persons.

7. Non-compliance of the above is unlawful and may be penalized under the Regulation or other applicable laws.

8. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.

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**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**





## **National Emergency Order No.3**

### **PROVINCIAL COORDINATION**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulation 2020 (Regulation)*, hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. All Emergency Orders issued under the National Emergency apply to all provinces in Papua New Guinea.
2. All Provincial Administrators appointed as Authorized Officers pursuant to the Emergency Laws, will be responsible for the implementation of the Emergency Orders in the respective provinces. In the case of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, the Chief Secretary of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville Government shall be responsible for the implementation of the Emergency Orders.
3. A Provincial Coordination Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be managed by the Provincial Administrator and will facilitate the implementation of Emergency Orders to ensure full adherence in the provinces. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be supported by local law enforcement, health authorities, and other relevant bodies, who shall be Authorized Officers appointed pursuant to the Regulation.
4. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be responsible for the enforcement of measures contained in the Emergency Orders, public awareness, and shall report on all matters set out in Paragraph 5.
5. The Provincial Administrator must report to the Emergency Controller, as soon as possible, on the following:
  - (a) all suspected cases of COVID-19;
  - (b) all cases showing COVID-19 symptoms, and the measures that have been taken by the relevant health authorities and medical experts;
  - (c) the implementation of Emergency Orders in the provinces;
  - (d) instances of non-compliance with the Emergency Orders;

(e) the implementation of other measures undertaken in the provinces; and  
(f) all other matters relating to the State of Emergency and the functions of the Emergency Controller as set out in the Regulation.

6. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Emergency Orders which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws. However, Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices recommended to prevent COVID-19.
7. Where measures have been taken prior to the issuance of the Emergency Orders, the relevant provincial authorities must ensure that these measures are brought in line with the Emergency Orders and Directions as directed by the Controller.
8. Provincial authorities may take additional measures, such as imposition of curfews or fines, to implement the Emergency Orders, only after the Emergency Controller has given his authorisation.
9. The Provincial Coordination Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Emergency Orders, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.
10. Provincial Governments and Provincial Coordination Centre shall not make media statements regarding the National Emergency, unless authorized by the Emergency Controller.
11. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.

**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**





## **National Emergency Order No.4**

### **CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulation 2020 (Regulation)*, hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. Essential public utility services shall continue to be provided. The following are deemed to be essential public utility services:
  - a) electricity;
  - b) water;
  - c) sewerage and garbage;
  - d) postal services;
  - e) telecommunications;
  - f) motor vehicle registration and licensing; and
  - g) fire services.
2. State owned entities providing essential public utility services shall take necessary measures to continue to operate as efficiently as possible during the National Emergency.
3. No person shall interfere with the efficient operation of essential public utility services during the National Emergency.
4. Non-compliance of the above is unlawful and may be penalized under the Regulation or other applicable laws.
5. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.

**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**





## **National Emergency Order No.5**

### **GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PROTECTION**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulation 2020 (Regulation)*, hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. For the purposes of this Emergency Order, Government Employee includes employees of the following:
  - State Services;
  - Constitutional Institutions ;
  - Statutory bodies;
  - State-Owned Enterprises; and
  - National Judicial Staff Services;
2. Government Employees shall continue to be paid during the National Emergency and shall resume normal duties when the National Emergency ends. This period shall not be deducted from his or her leave entitlements.
3. Where required, non-essential Government Employees shall work from home and maintain communication through appropriate means.
4. The essential service providers listed below shall continue to work throughout the National Emergency:
  - All Health Sector Workers;
  - Immigration and Border Security;
  - PNG Customs Service;
  - Internal Revenue Commission;
  - Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary;
  - The PNG Correctional Services;
  - The PNG Defence Force;
  - Government payroll staff;
  - National Intelligence Organisation;
  - Staff of Central Agencies involved in the emergency operations;
  - Waste collection providers;



- Cleaning services provided to the Government;
  - Water and power providers; and
  - Any other agency required from time to time to provide its service on the directions of the Emergency Controller.
5. The essential service providers listed in Paragraph 4 shall ensure to adopt and implement safe work practices. This includes limiting the number of Government Employees in the workplace, adopting alternative work arrangements, and ensuring safe and hygienic work conditions.
  6. Government Employees who develop symptoms associated with COVID-19 shall stay at home and take steps to seek medical attention by calling the COVID-19 hotline on 1800 200. Government Employees who comply with this Paragraph should not be penalized.
  7. Non-compliance of the above is unlawful and may be penalized under the Regulation or other applicable laws.
  8. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.

**David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM**  
**Emergency Controller**

