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TO : ALL MEMBERS

THIRTEEN (13) NEW EMERGENCY ORDERS FOR THE EXTENDED COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY PERIOD

You are aware that the previous COVID-19 State of Emergency (SoE) ended on the 02nd of June 2020. Immediately following the expiration, the National Parliament resolved to extend the SoE for a further 14 days.

In line with the extension, the National Emergency Controller and Commissioner of Police David Manning has now revoked the previous 37 Emergency Orders and has issued thirteen (13) new Orders. The new Orders will be in force for the duration of the extended period of the State of Emergency starting 02nd June 2020. We attach the National Emergency Orders (SoE Order No.1 to 13) below for your information and update.

The Federation will continue to provide information and updates as and when they become available. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Federation Office.

Yours sincerely



Florence Willie
Executive Director



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National Emergency Order No.1
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

REVOCATION OF ALL PREVIOUS ORDERS

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act)*, hereby revoke all previous Orders issued under the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulations 2020* and *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020*.


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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.2
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BUSINESS AND SOCIAL

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

1. No person or venue shall sell liquor for the duration of the National Emergency except:
 - a. hotels and restaurants with a valid liquor license;
 - b. pubs, sports clubs and social clubs with a valid liquor license;
 - c. major supermarkets with a valid liquor license; and
 - d. wholesalers with a valid liquor license.
2. Premises exempted under paragraph 1(a) and 1(b) shall not sell takeaway alcohol.
3. Premises exempted under paragraph 1(c) and 1(d) shall not sell alcohol on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays.
4. Premises exempted under paragraph 1 of this Order with a valid liquor license must comply with all conditions imposed on them by their license, the Liquor Licensing Commission and any directions issued by the Emergency Controller.
5. All persons must adhere to social distancing requirements, and safe and hygienic practices.
6. No professional sport team shall train or participate in matches unless they have approval to do so from the PNG Sports Foundation.
7. PNG Sports Foundation shall be responsible for:
 - a. approving requests for professional sporting bodies to resume training;
 - b. approving requests for professional sporting matches;
 - c. in consultation with the National Department of Health, setting protocols and guidelines for sporting clubs and teams relating to COVID-19.
8. PNG Sports Foundation shall provide a weekly report by Friday 5pm to the Emergency Controller of any request submitted and the status of the request.



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9. Non-professional sports and physical activity may continue but is to be limited to 10 persons.
10. Local religious activities may continue to operate, but must adhere to the follow restrictions:
 - a. social distancing of at least 1.5 meters between each person;
 - b. all persons on entry and exist into the place of worship must wash their hands with soap or hand sanitiser; and
 - c. follow all other hygiene standards as issued by the Controller.
11. The following religious gatherings shall not occur:
 - a. Provincial church gatherings;
 - b. National church gatherings;
 - c. Crusades;
 - d. Conventions; and
 - e. Provincial or national outreach programs.
12. Venues or parts of venues within PNG must immediately close for the duration of the National Emergency that provide:
 - a. gambling activities and services;
 - b. night club activities and services; and
 - c. venues selling tickets to patrons to be spectators of sports, musical or cultural activities.
13. The Emergency Controller may implement measures to the control the following:
 - a. Overcrowding and social distancing;
 - b. Sanitation;
 - c. Hygenie; and
 - d. Public Awareness.
14. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 persons.
15. Non-compliance with this order is unlawful and may be penalised under the Act or other applicable laws.
16. Non-compliance with this Emergency Order should be reported to an authorised officer or the Provincial Police Commander.
17. 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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18. This Emergency Order comes into effect on 02 June 2020 and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.


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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.3
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INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC TRAVEL

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

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 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 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, including PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents are allowed to enter PNG, except by aircraft.
5. Traditional border crossing arrangements are hereby suspended and there is a prohibition on travel of any persons travelling from the Republic of Indonesia, Australia, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Solomon Islands into Papua New Guinea by these traditional border crossings.
6. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless provided an exemption in writing by the Emergency Controller or his delegate.
7. All PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents returning to PNG by aircraft must be quarantined at a:
 - a. designated facility in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 2, at the Government's cost; or
 - b. designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 3, at the individual's cost.
8. All non-PNG Citizens and non-Permanent Residents returning to PNG by aircraft must be quarantined at a designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 3, at the individual's cost.



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9. Foreign diplomats travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 8, but must self-isolate at an appropriate residence for 14 days.
10. For the purposes of paragraph 9, failure to adhere to self-isolation for 14 days is not an offence under the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020*.
11. For the purposes of paragraph 10, an individual who fails to adhere to self-isolation for 14 days shall be declared a persona non grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on the Diplomatic Relations*.
12. The Emergency Controller may exempt a person from paragraph 7, or 8, exempted persons shall self-isolate at a location directed by the Emergency Controller for 14 days.
13. Upon arrival at the designate place in Schedules 2 or 3, or as designated per paragraph 9 or 12, a person 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.
14. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
15. Persons may leave a designated place prior 14 days:
 - a. for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care;
 - b. with authorisation of the Emergency Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies;
 - c. in an emergency situation; or
 - d. for any reason approved in advance by the Emergency Controller or his delegate.
16. A person arriving into PNG on any aircraft is taken not to arrive in PNG for the purpose of these Orders 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.
17. A person arriving into PNG on any vessel is taken not to arrive in PNG for the purpose of these Orders if the person does not leave the vessel.
18. For the purposes of paragraph 7, 8, 12 and 13, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for 14 days shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020*.
19. Non-compliance with these Orders by a non-PNG Citizen or Non-PNG Permanent Citizens shall result in either:
 - a. immediate deportation, the cost of which shall be borne by that person; or
 - b. return of the person to the vessel from which they disembarked.



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20. 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.

Domestic Travel Restrictions General

21. No roadblocks are to be established by any person, including authorised officers, except for those Directed by the Controller.

Domestic Travel to Other Provinces

22. All flights domestically in Papua New Guinea must comply with the following requirements:
- a. hygiene and social distancing restriction as issued by the controller; and
 - b. all passengers must complete an Air Passenger Travel Form.
23. Subject to paragraph 22, unless otherwise restricted by the Emergency Controller by written Direction, flights within PNG shall not be restricted.
24. Travel by foot, vehicle and vessel between Provinces, unless otherwise restricted by the Emergency Controller by written Direction, shall not be restricted.
25. Non-compliance with the directions of an Authorised Officer in accordance with preceding paragraphs shall be punishable in accordance with the Regulation.
26. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
27. This order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

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Emergency Controller



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Schedule 1 Port of Entry

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 – Government Designated Facility

Ponderosa Hotel

Hideaway Hotel

Schedule 3 – Designated Hotel

Holiday Inn Hotel

Ela Beach Hotel

Grand Papua Hotel

Laguna Hotel

Hilton Hotel

Stanley Hotel



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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.4
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

PROVINCIAL COORDINATION

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act)*, 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 unless otherwise specified in the Order.
2. All Provincial Administrators (including acting 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. In the case of a province that does not have any Provincial Administrators (whether substantively appointed or appointed in an acting capacity), then the Emergency Controller shall appoint a person he considers can perform the responsibilities under this Order, until a substantive or acting appointment of a Provincial Administrator is made pursuant to the *Organic Law on Provincial and Local-level Governments and the Public Services (Management) Act 1995*.
4. Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce shall be set up within each Province. The membership in each Taskforce shall be:
 - a. Chairperson - Provincial Administrator;
 - b. Deputy Chairperson - Provincial Health Authority Chief Executive Officer;
 - c. Provincial Police Commander;
 - d. Provincial Disaster Coordinator;
 - e. Provincial Development Coordinator;
 - f. Church Representative;
 - g. Provincial Business Council Representative or if no such representative exists then as appointed by the National Emergency Controller; and
 - h. Other non-voting members may be coopted by the Taskforce.



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5. Provincial Coordination Centre shall be set up within each Provincial Government. The Provincial Coordination Centre shall be managed by the Provincial COVID-19 Taskforce, 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 and Emergency laws.
6. 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.
7. The Provincial Administrator or a person appointed by the Emergency Controller for such purpose, must report to the Emergency Controller, daily by 5pm, 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;
 - f. status of Provincial Emergency Plans and implementation status; and
 - g. all other matters relating to the State of Emergency and the functions of the Emergency Controller as set out in the Regulation and Emergency Laws.
8. The Provincial Governments may continue to regulate matters not expressly contained in the Emergency Orders which would ordinarily be covered under provincial laws.
9. Provincial Governments must continue to observe safe health and hygiene practices as recommended by the NDoH and their PHA to prevent COVID-19.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The Provincial Coordination Centre must ensure the necessary public awareness of the Emergency Orders, and that the appropriate COVID-19 Information Hotlines are established.



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13. Provincial Governments and Provincial Coordination Centres shall not make media statements regarding the National Emergency, unless authorized by the Emergency Controller.
14. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
15. This order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.


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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.5
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CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020 (Act)*, 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. banking;
 - g. motor vehicle registration and licensing; and
 - h. emergency services, including but not limited to ambulance services, health services, fire service and police 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.
6. This Order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.6
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

IMPOUNDING OF AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES & VESSELS

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

1. All aircraft, vehicles and vessels that are found or suspected to be transporting persons in breach of travel restrictions as Ordered by the Emergency Controller shall be impounded by Authorised Officer(s) and impounded for the period of National Emergency.
2. All aircraft, vehicles and vessels that are confiscated and impounded as Ordered by the Emergency Controller, as soon as practicable be returned to the owner at the end of the National Emergency.
3. If, in the event the owner of the aircraft, vehicle and vessels cannot be located, the Government may as directed by the Emergency Controller, have the aircraft, vehicles and vessels auctioned off.
4. Any revenue generated from sales under paragraph 3, must be deposited into Government of Papua New Guinea's Consolidated Revenue Account.
5. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
6. This Order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.7
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SEIZURE OF CERTAIN GOODS

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

1. The Controller may direct the seizure of goods listed in Schedule 1 of this Order – Goods Critical to the National Emergency Covid-19 Response – from any person, company or organisation within Papua New Guinea.
2. The Government of Papua New Guinea shall be liable at the end of the National Emergency to pay for the seized goods.
3. The liability of the Government for the cost of the goods shall be limited to the following:
 - a. the price paid to procure the goods;
 - b. the price paid to transport the goods to Papua New Guinea (including but not limited to freight handling and port costs);
 - c. reasonable cost for storage of the goods (as agreed by the Department of Treasury at its sole discretion); and
 - d. other reasonable costs as agreed by the Department of Treasury at its sole discretion.
4. A person, organisation or company whose goods were seized must produce copies of all documents as requested by the Department of Treasury to prove the price paid to procure the goods and the price paid to transport the goods, failure to produce documents shall result in no payment being made.
5. No interest for non-payment by the Government of Papua New Guinea shall be payable to any person, company or organisation.
6. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
7. This Emergency Order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

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Schedule 1 - Goods Critical to the National Emergency Covid-19 Response

- Personal Protective Equipment;
- Medical Supplies; and
- Medicine.



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Schedule 1 Goods

- I. Rice
- II. Flour
- III. Sugar
- IV. Fresh produce (animal products, fruits and vegetables both import and local)
- V. Baby Formula
- VI. Milk and milk products
- VII. Soap (both bar and liquid)
- VIII. Fuel (those not price controlled such as, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), zoom, and aviation fuel)
- IX. Household battery
- X. Matches and gas lighters
- XI. Hand sanitizer
- XII. Latex gloves
- XIII. Bottled water
- XIV. Cooking oil
- XV. Tinned Fish
- XVI. Tinned Meat
- XVII. Noodles
- XVIII. Biscuits
- XIX. Tea, coffee
- XX. Household Bleach, disinfectants, and detergents
- XXI. Toilet rolls/tissues
- XXII. Frozen chicken products
- XXIII. Frozen meat products
- XXIV. Frozen sausages
- XXV. Eggs; and
- XXVI. Wipes (both adult and baby wipes, all brands)

Schedule 2 Services

- I. Air fares (domestic and international)
- II. Medical and health services
- III. Telecommunication products
- IV. Water, sewerage and garbage Rates
- V. Electricity Rates
- VI. Banking and Financial Service Fees



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PRICE REGULATIONS

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

1. Businesses shall not, at wholesale or retail, increase the prices of goods listed in Schedule 1 in excess of 5% during the National Emergency.
2. A business that increases the prices of goods in excess of what is allowed under Paragraph 1 commits an offence, unless prior approval of the Independent Consumer and Competition Commission (ICCC) has been obtained.
3. Approval under Paragraph 2 may only be given if the business has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the ICCC that the price increase:
 - a. does not reflect the taking of an unfair advantage of the National Emergency;
 - b. does not unconscionably exceed the average price at which the good was offered for sale prior to the National Emergency;
 - c. does not unconscionably exceed the price at which the same or similar goods was readily obtainable in PNG from other competing sellers;
 - d. reasonably reflects additional costs, not within the control of that seller, that were paid, incurred, or reasonably anticipated, or reflects additional risks taken to produce, distribute, obtain, or sell the relevant good under the circumstances; and
 - e. was substantially attributable to local, national or international market conditions.
4. Businesses shall not increase the prices of services listed in Schedule 2 in excess of 5% during the National Emergency.
5. A business that increases the prices of services in excess of what is allowed under Paragraph 4 commits an offence, unless prior approval of the ICCC has been obtained.
6. Approval under Paragraph 5 may only be given if the business has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the ICCC that the price increase:
 - a. does not reflect the taking of an unfair advantage of the National Emergency;
 - b. does not unconscionably exceed the average price at which the good was offered for sale prior to the National Emergency;
 - c. does not unconscionably exceed the price at which the same or similar goods was readily obtainable in PNG from other competing sellers;



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- d. reasonably reflects additional costs, not within the control of that seller, that were paid, incurred, or reasonably anticipated, or reflects additional risks taken to produce, distribute, obtain, or sell the relevant good under the circumstances; and
 - e. was substantially attributable to local, national or international market conditions.
7. A business that commits an offence under paragraphs 2 or 5 shall be fined K5,000.00, and for repeat offenders, an additional fine of K10,000.00 and/or a penalty under the Emergency Laws
 8. The public is encouraged to report non-compliance with this Emergency Order to the ICCC.
 9. Non-compliance with this Emergency Order is unlawful and may be penalized under the Regulation and Emergency Laws or other applicable laws.
 10. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation and other Emergency Laws, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.


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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.9
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

BURIAL OF DECEASED PERSONS

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

1. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct a mass grave to be dug for the interment of deceased persons and designate the location of this mass grave.
2. The Controller, may upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital or a Provincial Health Authority, direct deceased persons to be buried in a designated mass grave.
3. Bodies buried according to paragraph 2 of this order will be buried at the Government's expense.
4. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated grave, taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
5. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may requisition refrigerated shipping containers for the purpose of temporary interment of deceased persons.
6. Upon request of Port Moresby General Hospital and Provincial Health Authority the Controller may direct deceased persons to be interred temporarily in refrigerated shipping containers until such time as they are interred in a grave.
7. Port Moresby General Hospital or the relevant Provincial Health Authority shall keep a record of the persons interred in a designated refrigerated shipping container taken from a morgue they are responsible for.
8. Bodies interred temporarily according to paragraph 6 of this order will be interred at the Government's expense.
9. 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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10. This Emergency Order comes into effect 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.


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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.10
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

CUSTOMS DUTIES

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020*, and other Emergency Laws, hereby issue the following Emergency Order:

1. All incoming medical supplies procured on behalf of the Government of Papua New Guinea to enable testing, diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19, are hereby exempted from all customs duties and other import duties for the duration of the National Emergency.
2. The medical supplies referred to in paragraph 1 are exempted from the provisions under the relevant tax legislation to the extent necessary to give effect to this Emergency Order.
3. All medical supplies shall be given priority and released without delay.
4. This Emergency Order shall take effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply for the duration of the National Emergency.

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Emergency Controller



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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.11
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

COVID 19 TESTING

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

1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
 - a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
 - b. as authorised by the Emergency Controller.
2. No person or organization may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
 - a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
 - b. as authorised in writing by the Emergency Controller.
3. No COVID-19 test results shall be released by any person or organization without the express written authorization of the Emergency Controller.
4. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test must provide all tests results to the Emergency Controller or his dealeate within 24 hours of the result being known.
5. Non-compliance with this Order shall be punishable in accordance with the Act.
6. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Contrller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.
7. This Emergency Order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.


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Schedule 1 – COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction
- Gene Xpert
- Rapid Diagnostic Test

Schedule 2 – Approved Persons and Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing

- National Department of Health
- Institute of Medical Research Papua New Guinea
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- St John Ambulance
- OkTedi Mining
- Simberi Gold
- 2K Medical Clinic
- Lihir
- K92 Mining



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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.12
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

COVID-19 SURVEILLANCE & TESTING

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

1. The following terms are defined in Schedule 1 of this Order:

National case definition for COVID-19; and

Severe Acute Respiratory Infection.

2. The following shall be considered suspected COVID-19 cases until a PCR test is conducted that returns a negative result:
 - a. all hospitalised/admitted cases of respiratory illness, including cases classified as pneumonia; and
 - b. all cases classified as Severe Acute Respiratory Infection;regardless of travel or case contact history.
3. Any person admitted to a hospital for the purposes of paragraph 2 must be tested for COVID-19 within 24 hours of being admitted.
4. Any patient admitted to a hospital for the purposes outlined in paragraph 2 must be managed using COVID-19 infection prevention and control protocols.
5. All Provincial Health Authorities, Port Moresby General Hospital and all private hospitals must submit daily reports by 6pm to the Emergency Controller and the relevant Provincial Administrator, including:
 - a. case investigation forms for all suspected COVID-19 cases per paragraph 2 of this Order;
 - b. details of all deaths related to respiratory illness;
 - c. details on the number of persons swabbed for COVID-19 testing (including indication for testing); and
 - d. any other information directed to be provided.



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6. Where a cluster of respiratory illness or influenza like illness cases are reported (through a health facility i.e. District Hospital/Health Centre or in a common setting i.e. a village, church, school, etc.), the relevant Provincial Health Authority must:
 - a. swab between 5-10 cases from the cluster for testing; and
 - b. report the cluster to the Emergency Controller or his delegate;within 24 hours from the identification of the cluster of cases.
7. Each Provincial Health Authority shall swab for the purposes of testing for COVID-19 a minimum of 5 patients with influenza like illness symptoms per week.
8. For the purpose of this Emergency Order, the delegate of the Emergency Controller is Ms. Rosheila Dagina, Surveillance Lead.
9. This Emergency Order comes into effect on 2 June 2020 and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.

David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM
Emergency Controller



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Schedule 1 – Definitions

National case definition for COVID-19 is:

- a) a patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset; and
- b) a patient with any acute respiratory illness AND having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case (see definition of contact) in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset; and
- c) a patient with severe acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), requiring hospitalization/admission, and in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) means;

an acute respiratory infection with:

- history of fever or measured fever of 38 C° or higher; and
- cough - with onset within the last seven days; and
- requires hospitalization/admission.



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STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER No.13
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

DEFERRAL OF GOROKA BY-ELECTION

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

1. The By-Election for the Goroka Open Electorate is deferred for the period of the National Emergency.
2. This Emergency Order comes into effect immediately and shall apply until the end of the National Emergency.


David Manning MBE, DPS, QPM
Emergency Controller



DATE 2/6/20