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**NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020**

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**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 3; and
  - b. the aircraft is operated by an organization listed in Schedule 4; or
  - c. exempted in writing by the Controller.



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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.
5. No person is permitted to board an aircraft bound for PNG unless provided an exemption in writing by the Controller or his delegate.
6. 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.
7. For the purposes of paragraph 7, only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests shall be accepted.
8. Subject to paragraph 10, all PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents returning to PNG must be quarantined at designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 5, at the individual's cost, or at the Controller's sole discretion at the Government's cost.
9. Subject to paragraph 10, all non-PNG Citizens and non-Permanent Residents entering PNG must be quarantined at a designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 5, at the individual's cost.
10. Persons who for 7 days prior to arrival have been in a country listed in Schedule 2, shall quarantine at home or at a hotel listed on Schedule 5, for the period beginning on the day of arrival and ending at midnight on the seventh day after arrival into PNG, a person must reside and remain in that place, self-quarantined and segregated from other persons.
11. Foreign diplomats travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 11, but must quarantine at an appropriate



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- residence for 14 days except those who have been in a country listed in Schedule 2 for the past 7 days, who may quarantine at home for 7 days.
12. For the purposes of paragraph 11, failure to adhere to quarantine for the required period is not an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
13. For the purposes of paragraph 11, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for the required period may be declared a persona non grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961*.
14. Except for persons subject to paragraph 10 and 11, all persons are required to quarantine under these Measures at a designated place in Schedule 5, or at another location directed by the Controller, and 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.
15. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
16. 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.
17. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:
- for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care;
  - with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies;
  - in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or
  - for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.
18. A person subject to quarantine shall at the request of the Controller undertake a COVID-19 PCR test while in quarantine.



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19. A person who refuses to comply with a request to undertake a COVID-19 PCR test under paragraph 18, 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 8 and 9 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.
23. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 8 and 9, 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.
24. A passport surrendered in accordance with paragraph 23, shall be returned to the person immediately upon release from quarantine by an authorised officer.
25. A person travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from paragraphs 23 and 24.
26. 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.
27. Subject to paragraph 13 and 26, 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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28. For the purposes of paragraph 26 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*.
29. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these paragraph 7 and 8 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
30. For the purposes of paragraph 3, a person or organisation who fails to adhere to the requirement 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 03 October 2020 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:



DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, QPM  
CONTROLLER



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**Schedule 1 Port of Entry**

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<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>
Jacksons Airport	Aircraft
Motukea Port, Port Moresby	Vessel
Port of Rabaul	Vessel
Port of Morobe	Vessel
Ports of Madang	Vessel

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**Schedule 2 – Countries/Regions**

New Zealand	Nauru
Fiji	Federated States of Micronesia
Solomon Islands	Vanuatu
Australia – Except the State of Victoria	Cook Islands
New Caledonia	Samoa
Kiribati	Palau
Marshall Islands	Niue
Tonga	
Tuvalu	

**Schedule 3 – Countries/Regions**

Australia
Singapore
Hong Kong
Japan
Solomon Islands

**Schedule 4 – Permitted Organisations**

Air Niugini	Tropic Air
PNG Air	Pacific Air Transport
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**Schedule 5 – Designated Hotel**

Holiday Inn Hotel

Ela Beach Hotel

Grand Papua Hotel

Laguna Hotel

Hilton Hotel

Stanley Hotel

Airways Hotel

Comfort Inn

Hideaway Hotel

Lamana Hotel

Gateway Hotel

Dixies Bungalows