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Quarantine Act 1953

Sections 4(1), 5(1), 13(2) and 13(3)

NOTICE FOR THE NATIONAL GAZETTE

I, **Jelta Wong**, Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS, by virtue of powers in Sections 4(1) and 5(1) of the *Quarantine Act 1953* and all other enabling powers; and

- a. having been satisfied that an epidemic caused by a quarantinable disease, being COVID-19 and having declared the existence in Papua New Guinea of the epidemic or of the danger of the epidemic; and;
- b. having formed the opinion that an emergency has arisen that requires action to be taken not otherwise authorized by the *Quarantine Act 1953* and having declared that emergency;

I further declare that the following measures incidental to quarantine, which I think necessary must be taken on commencement of this notice:

- c. to control and eradicate the epidemic, or to remove the danger of the epidemic, by quarantine measures or measures incidental to quarantine; and
- d. for the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of COVID-19:-

1. No person may enter the territory of Papua New Guinea, except for:

- a. Health workers or persons assisting in the delivery of health services;
- b. Persons entering PNG for purpose of assisting PNG with its response to COVID-19;
- c. Diplomatic personal travelling on a diplomatic passport and who are in possession of a written authorisation from the Minister for Health & HIV/AIDS to enter PNG;
- d. Flight crews and cargo vessel crews (but they may not leave the aircraft or vessel); and
- e. Military personnel.

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2. Venues or parts of venues must immediately close which 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.

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

This Notice comes into force on Monday, 23rd March 2020, and continues in force for 7 days.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020.

Hon. J. WONG, MP,
Minister for Health and HIV/AIDS.