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*Quarantine Act 1953*

Sections 4(1), 5(1)

*Public Health Act 1973*

Sections 35, 36 and 37

## 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*, Sections 35, 36 and 37 of the *Public Health Act 1973* 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; and
- c. having declared the novel coronavirus COVID-19 to be an infectious disease under the *Public Health Act 1973* and a quarantinable disease under the *Quarantine Act 1953*;

I further declare that:

- a. all of the territory of Papua New Guinea is an area in which I suspect that an infectious disease exists, being COVID-19 and is therefore an infected area; and
- b. the following measures incidental to quarantine; and
- 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; and
- e. for the isolation of infected areas;

must be taken on commencement of this Notice:—

**Notice for the *National Gazette*—continued**

1. **No person may sell, transport or consume Areca Nut, otherwise known as Buai and Betelnut.**
2. **No person may:**
  - a.* **board an aircraft from any port of departure within PNG bound for another airport within PNG; or**
  - b.* **travel from one province in PNG to another province in PNG irrespective of the means of transport;****except for the following classes of persons:**
  - i. **Persons transporting cargo and medicine the transport of which has been approved in accordance with Section 36 of the *Public Health Act* 1973;**
  - ii. **Police personnel;**
  - iii. **Military personnel;**
  - iv. **Persons working on the COVID-19 response; and**
  - v. **Health workers or persons assisting in the delivery of health services;**
  - vi. **Flight crews and cargo vessel crews; and**
  - vii. **Other persons exempted by the Secretary for Health pursuant to Section 36 of the *Public Health Act* 1973.**
3. **All organisations and companies must adopt and implement safe work practices as issued by the National Department of Health from time to time and direct non-essential staff to stay at home.**
4. **All persons who have come into PNG since 7th March, 2020 must report through call or text to the following number 1800 0220.**

This Notice comes into force on the date of its gazettal and continues in force for 14 days.

Dated this 24th day of March, 2020.

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