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### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

# JOINT AGENCY TASK FORCE NATIONAL CONTROL CENTRE FOR COVID-19





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#### OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

#### **DIRECTIVE TO ALL AIRLINE OPERATORS**

14-Days restrictions in West New Britain & advice to all airline operators

- 1. All airline operators are to observe and comply with the restrictions in West New Britain effective from the 01 January to the 15 January 2020.
- 2. A 14-day restriction period will be imposed during which no aircraft, vehicle or vessel is allowed to enter into or out of the province with new passengers except for aircrafts, vehicles or vessels bringing in cargo, or goods and personnel engaged in the COVID-19 response.
- 3. All persons whose permanent home are outside of the West New Britain Province but are currently in the province shall be allowed to return home within five days of the imposition of this restriction, from the date of this directive, provided they have valid return tickets.
- 4. All persons whose permanent residence is inside the West New Britain Province but are currently out of the province shall be allowed to return home within five days of the imposition of this restriction, from the date of this directive, provided they have valid return tickets.
- 5. No person is permitted to board an aircraft out of or into the West New Britain Province unless:
  - a. They have been tested for COVID-19 within a 14 day period prior to boarding an aircraft; and
  - b. Have returned a result indicating they do not have detectable levels of COVID-19.
- 6. For the purpose of paragraph 5 only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction tests shall be accepted.
- 7. From the sixth day onwards; all airlines must comply with paragraph (2) of this Directive.
- 8. No passenger booking must be made for the above 14-day period unless it is an essential travel under paragraph (2).
- 9. Medical emergencies will be allowed but with the Controller's approval.
- 10. All airline operators to comply accordingly.

11. Any person or airline that allows a person to board an aircraft bound from or to the West New Britain in breach of these measures shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.

Date: 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

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