



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

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 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.
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



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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 Controller or his delegate.
7. 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.
8. For the purposes of paragraph 7, only Real Time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests shall be accepted.
9. All PNG Citizens and Permanent Residents returning to PNG 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.
10. All non-PNG Citizens and non-Permanent Residents entering PNG must be quarantined at a designated hotel in Port Moresby listed in Schedule 3, at the individual's cost.
11. Foreign diplomats travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from the requirements in paragraph 10, but must quarantine at an appropriate residence for 14 days.
12. For the purposes of paragraph 12, failure to adhere to quarantine for 14 days is not an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
13. For the purposes of paragraph 13, an individual who fails to adhere to quarantine for 14 days may be declared a persona non grata according to Article 9 of the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 1961*.



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14. Subject to paragraph 15, upon arrival at the designate place in Schedules 2 or 3, or at another location directed by the Controller, 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.
15. Subject to the written approval of the Controller, an individual who prior to arrival in PNG who has spent the past 7 days in Queensland, Australia, upon arrival at the designate place in Schedules 2 or 3, or at another location directed by the Controller, 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 seventh day after arrival into PNG.
16. A couple or family shall be quarantined together should they enter PNG on the same flight.
17. 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.
18. Persons may leave a designated place prior to the end of their designated quarantine:
 - a. for the purposes of obtaining emergency medical care;
 - b. with authorisation of the Controller for seeking non-emergency medical care or medical supplies;
 - c. in an emergency situation, including evacuation of the designated place; or
 - d. for any reason approved in advance by the Controller or his delegate.
19. A person subject to quarantine shall at the request of the Controller undertake a COVID-19 PCR test while in quarantine.
20. A person who refuses to comply with a request to undertake a COVID-19 PCR test under paragraph 20, shall be quarantined for an additional 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.



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21. 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 refuelling.
22. 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.
23. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 10 and 11 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.
24. Upon arrival at a designated hotel, as per paragraphs 10 and 11, 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.
25. A person exempted from quarantine at a hotel per paragraphs 10 and 11, shall at the request of the Controller surrender his or her passport to an authorised officer.
26. A passport surrendered in accordance with paragraph 25, shall be returned to the person immediately upon release from quarantine by an authorised officer.
27. A person travelling on a diplomatic travel document or diplomatic passport are exempted from paragraphs 23, 24, and 25.
28. 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.
29. Subject to paragraph 28, for the purposes of paragraph 10, 11, 15, 16 and 21 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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30. For the purposes of paragraph 28 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*.
31. A person or organisation that allows a person to board an aircraft bound for PNG in breach of these paragraph 6 and 7 shall be deemed to have committed an offence under the *National Pandemic Act 2020*.
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 23 July 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:


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DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, OPM
CONTROLLER


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Schedule 1 Port of Entry

Column 1	Column 2
Jacksons International Airport	Aircraft
Motukea Port, Port Moresby	Vessel
Port of Rabaul	Vessel
Port of Morobe	Vessel
Port of Madang	Vessel



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Schedule 2 – Government Designated Facility

Hideaway Hotel

Lamana Hotel

Gateway

Crown Hotel

Schedule 3 – Designated Hotel

Holiday Inn Hotel

Ela Beach Hotel

Grand Papua Hotel

Laguna Hotel

Hilton Hotel

Stanley Hotel

Lamana Hotel

Airways Hotel

Comfort Inn