

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 101]

NATURAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT 1998

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## **Natural Disaster (Tropical Cyclone Yasa) Regulations 2020**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 25 of the Natural Disaster Management Act 1998 and with the advice of the National Disaster Management Council and the Emergency Committee, I hereby make these Regulations—

*Short title and commencement*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Natural Disaster (Tropical Cyclone Yasa) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the date of the Declaration and shall continue for the term of the Declaration and renewal or extension of the Declaration.

*Interpretation*

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Natural Disaster Management Act 1998;

“Declaration” means the Declaration of Natural Disaster (Tropical Cyclone Yasa) made pursuant to section 17(1) of the Act; and

“person” includes a company or association or body of persons, corporate or unincorporate.

*Regulations pursuant to section 25 of the Act*

3. For the duration of the Declaration and renewal or extension of the Declaration, any officer of the Fiji Police Force and the Republic of Fiji Military Forces performing a role or discharging a responsibility in accordance with the Act, may do any or all of the following—

- (a) the evacuation of people in their own interests, or in order to facilitate the necessary operations of the police or military personnel;
- (b) the temporary acquisition or control of any property, undertaking or land;
- (c) the entering and searching of any premises;
- (d) the supply and distribution of essential relief supplies, medical assistance, shelter or other resources;
- (e) the maintenance of the means of transportation by land, sea or air and the control of the transport of persons and resources;
- (f) directing the movement of persons by land, sea or air in the interests of safety; and
- (g) prohibiting the unjustified exploitation of a disaster for profit.

*Offences*

4. Any person, body or entity who contravenes any order made by an officer of the Fiji Police Force or the Republic of Fiji Military Forces in performing a role or discharging a responsibility under these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both.

Made this 16th day of December 2020.

I. SERUIRATU  
Minister for Disaster Management