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REGULATIONS 2020**

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EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
(Cap. 11)

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NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2020**

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of *Emergency Powers Act* (Cap. 11), and with reference to section 36 of the *Interpretation and General Provisions Act* (Cap. 85), the Governor-General makes the following Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (NO. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2020*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the date they are published in the *Gazette*.

3 Amendment to *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (NO. 2) Regulations 2020*.

These Regulations amend the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (NO. 2) Regulations 2020* (Legal Notice No. 47 of 2020) ("**Principal Regulations**").

4 Amendment of regulation 3

Regulation 3 of the *Principal Regulations* is amended by:

(a) inserting the following in alphabetical order:

"COVID-19 affected country or territory" means a country or territory where there has been a confirmed case of a person infected with COVID-19;

"COVID-19 free country or territory" means a country or territory where there has never been a confirmed case of a person infected with COVID-19;

"high-risk COVID-19 affected country or territory" means a COVID-19 affected country or territory where:

- (a) the daily rate of officially reported cases of persons infected with COVID-19 is increasing or is consistently serious; or
- (b) wide community transmission is being reported;”

“travelling to Solomon Islands” includes being in transit, and having a short stay at a place, while on the way to Solomon Islands;” and

- (c) deleting the definition of “quarantine period” and substituting:

“quarantine period” means the period of days for which a person must be quarantine under regulation 7A for establishing that the person is not infected with COVID-19;”

5 Amendment of regulation 7

- (1) Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations is amended by repealing subregulation (1) and replacing it with.

“(1) A person who enters Solomon Islands must:

- (a) immediately be quarantined at a quarantine station for the quarantine period; and
- (b) during the quarantine period be tested under regulation 7B for the presence of COVID-19 in that person; and
- (c) comply with the Government’s quarantine procedures”.

- (2) Regulation 7(2) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (a)(iv) and substituting:

“(iv) provide assistance for any other purpose for or relating to the public interest;”

6 New regulations 7A and 7B

The Principal Act is amended by inserting after regulation 7:

“7A Quarantine periods

- (1) A person entering Solomon Islands who boarded a vehicle in a COVID-19 affected country or territory while travelling to Solomon Islands must:
 - (a) immediately be quarantined for the period ending 14 days from the day the person enters Solomon Islands if the country or territory has not, within the 28 days immediately before the day the person enters Solomon Islands, officially reported a new case of a person infected with COVID-19; or
 - (b) immediately be quarantined for the period ending 14 days from the day the person entered Solomon Islands if:
 - (i) the country or territory has, within the 28 days immediately before the day the person enters Solomon Islands, officially reported a steady decline in the number of cases of persons infected with COVID-19; and
 - (ii) the person:
 - (A) was tested twice for the presence of COVID-19 within the 14 days immediately before the day the person enters Solomon Islands and tested negative for COVID-19 for both tests; or
 - (B) was not tested for the presence of COVID-19 within the 14 days immediately before the day the person enters Solomon Islands; or
 - (c) immediately be quarantined for the period ending 21 days from the day the person enters Solomon Islands if:
 - (i) the country or territory is a high-risk COVID-19 affected country or territory; and
 - (ii) the person was not tested for the presence of COVID-19 at any time before the person enters Solomon Islands; or

- (d) immediately be quarantined for the period ending 14 days from the day the person enters Solomon Islands if:
 - (i) the country or territory is a high-risk COVID-19 affected country or territory; and
 - (ii) the person was tested three times for the presence of COVID-19 within the 21 days immediately before the person enters Solomon Islands and tested negative for COVID-19 for each test.
- (2) A person entering Solomon Islands must immediately be quarantined for the period ending 14 days from the day the person enters Solomon Islands if the person was in a COVID-19 free country or territory:
 - (a) during the 28 days immediately before beginning the person's journey to Solomon Islands; and
 - (b) each time the person boarded a vehicle while travelling to Solomon Islands.

7B Testing of quarantined persons for COVID-19

A person who is quarantined under regulation 7A must:

- (a) be tested once for the presence of COVID-19 and test negative for COVID-19 for that test, if:
 - (i) the person was in a COVID-19 free country or territory for the 21 days immediately before beginning the person's journey to Solomon Islands; and
 - (ii) each country or territory in which the person boarded a vehicle while travelling to Solomon Islands was a COVID-19 free country or territory; or
- (b) be tested for the presence of COVID-19 on a day between the fifth and tenth day of the quarantine period and on the fourteenth day of the quarantine period and must test negative for COVID-19 for both tests, if:

- (i) a country or a territory in which the person boarded a vehicle while travelling to Solomon Islands was a COVID-19 affected country or territory; and
 - (ii) the country or territory has not, during the 28 days immediately before the day the person enters Solomon Islands, officially reported a new case of a person infected with COVID-19; or
- (c) be tested for the presence of COVID-19 on a day between the fifth and tenth day of the quarantine period and on the fourteenth day of the quarantine period, and must test negative for COVID-19 for both tests, if:
 - (i) a country or territory in which the person boarded a vehicle while travelling to Solomon Islands was a COVID-19 affected country or territory; and
 - (ii) the country or territory has officially reported a steady decline in the number of cases of persons infected with COVID-19; or
- (d) be tested for the presence of COVID-19 on the fifth, tenth and fourteenth days of the person's quarantine period, and must test negative for COVID-19 for each test, if:
 - (i) a country or territory in which the person boarded a vehicle while travelling to Solomon Islands was a high risk COVID-19 affected country or territory; and
 - (ii) the person was tested for the presence of COVID-19 three times during the 21 days period immediately before the person entered Solomon Islands and tested negative for COVID-19 for each test; or
- (e) be tested for the presence of COVID-19 on the fifth, fourteenth and twenty-first days of the person's quarantine period, and must test negative for COVID-19 for each test, if:

- (i) a country or territory in which the person boarded a vehicle while travelling to Solomon Islands was a high risk COVID-19 affected country or territory; and
- (ii) the person was not tested for the presence of COVID-19 during the 21 day period immediately before the person entered Solomon Islands.

7 Amendment of regulation 8

- (1) Regulation 8(2) of the Principal Regulations is deleted and substituted with:
 - “(2) Despite the prohibition under subregulation (1), the Prime Minister may, by Order, specify a person or a class of persons who may enter Solomon Islands for a purpose for or relating to:
 - (a) a humanitarian purpose; or
 - (b) the public interest.”
- (2) Regulation 8(4) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (c).

MADE this fifteenth day of June, 2020.

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