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**EMERGENCY POWERS ACT**

(Cap. 11)

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021****EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (WESTERN PROVINCE EMERGENCY ZONE) (RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF PERSONS, VESSELS AND AIRCRAFTS IN NORO) ORDER 2022**

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under regulations 15 and 17 of the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2021* (Legal Notice No. 318 of 2021), make the following Order:

**1 Citation**

This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Western Province Emergency Zone) (Restriction of Movement of Persons, Vessels and Aircrafts in Noro) Order 2022*.

**2 Commencement**

This Order commences on the day it is published in the *Gazette*.

**3 Definitions In this Order:**

“**emergency zone**” means the emergency zone declared for Western Province by Legal Notice No. 24 of 2022;

“**essential service**”:

- (a) has the meaning of “essential service” given in section 2(7)(a) of the *Essential Services Act* (Cap. 12); or
- (b) means any other service the interruption of which could endanger human life, destroy property or cause serious injury to persons or property, including police, correctional services, biosecurity, national disaster and emergency;

“**essential worker**” means:

- (a) a person employed or engaged in carrying out functions, duties or responsibilities in an essential service; or
- (b) a person who the Prime Minister specifies in writing is an essential worker for the purposes of this Order;

“**foreign fishing vessel**” has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the *Fisheries Management Act 2015*;

“**foreign vessel**” means a vessel that is not registered in Solomon Islands or

not entitled to fly the Solomon Islands flag;

“***matter of urgency***” in respect of a person, means a matter that is urgent for any of the following reasons:

- (a) to access immediate medical assistance or treatment for the person;
- (b) to assist another person to access immediate medical assistance or treatment;
- (c) to attend to or avoid an emergency or any other situation which, if not attended to or avoided, may result in serious injury or loss of life to the person or another person;

“***Noro***” means the area in the emergency zone that is:

- (a) bounded by a line with the coordinates specified in Part A of the Schedule; and
- (b) indicated by the red line on the map in Part B of the Schedule;

“***place of residence***”, of a person, means an area or place in Noro where the person resides, regularly stays or is temporarily accommodated, and includes:

- (a) a building or other habitable structure or a yard to a building or structure; or
- (b) a vessel; or
- (c) an area or place that is:
  - (i) a garden where the person usually grows or harvests food; or
  - (ii) an area of the coastline of the Noro, or of the inland or archipelagic waters within Noro, where the person usually catches fish or harvests other seafood; or
  - (iii) used by the person for ablutions or toileting;

“***vessel***” does not include a foreign vessel that is not a foreign fishing vessel.

#### **4      Restriction of movement of persons**

- (1) On and from 6.00 pm on Thursday 27 January 2022 until 6.00 pm on Sunday 30 January 2022, a person must not enter or leave Noro.
- (2) On and from 6.00 pm on Thursday 27 January 2022 until 6.00 pm on Sunday 30 January 2022, a person in Noro must:
  - (a) remain in Noro; and
  - (b) not leave or be away from his or her place of residence; and
  - (c) when moving around Noro:
    - (i) wear a face mask; and
    - (ii) practice social distancing; and
    - (iii) wash his or her hands frequently; and
    - (iv) use hand sanitizer frequently.
- (3) Subparagraph (1) or (2)(a) and (b) does not apply to a person who:
  - (a) enters or leaves Noro because of a matter of urgency; or

- (b) is exempted from complying with this Order under paragraph 6; or
- (c) is exempted in writing from complying with this Order by the Commissioner of Police.

## **5 Restriction of movement of vessels and aircrafts**

- (1) On and from 6.00 pm on Thursday 27 January 2022 until 6.00 pm on Sunday 30 January 2022:
  - (a) a vessel must not:
    - (i) enter or leave Noro; or
    - (ii) come alongside or berth at a wharf in Noro; or
    - (iii) go on shore anywhere on the coast of Noro; or
  - (b) an aircraft must not land in or take off from Noro.
- (2) On and from 6.00 pm on Thursday 27 January 2022 until 6.00 pm on Sunday 30 January 2022:
  - (a) the operator of a vessel must not permit or enable a person on board the vessel to disembark from the vessel and go on shore anywhere on the coast of Noro; or
  - (b) the operator of an aircraft must not permit or enable a person on board the aircraft to disembark from the aircraft into Noro.

## **6 Exemptions**

- (1) An authorised officer is exempted from complying with this Order while carrying out his or her functions, responsibilities or duties as an authorised officer, or travelling to and from the place where he or she carries out those functions, responsibilities or duties.
- (2) An essential worker is exempted from complying with this Order while carrying out his or her work functions, responsibilities or duties, or travelling to and from the place where he or she carries out those functions, responsibilities or duties.
- (3) Paragraph 5 does not apply to:
  - (a) a vessel or an aircraft operated by an authorised officer or an essential worker while performing his or her functions, responsibilities or duties; and
  - (b) a vessel or an aircraft operated for a purpose (which is not a purpose for an essential service) that has been approved by the Prime Minister in writing.

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**SCHEDULE**  
(Paragraph 3)

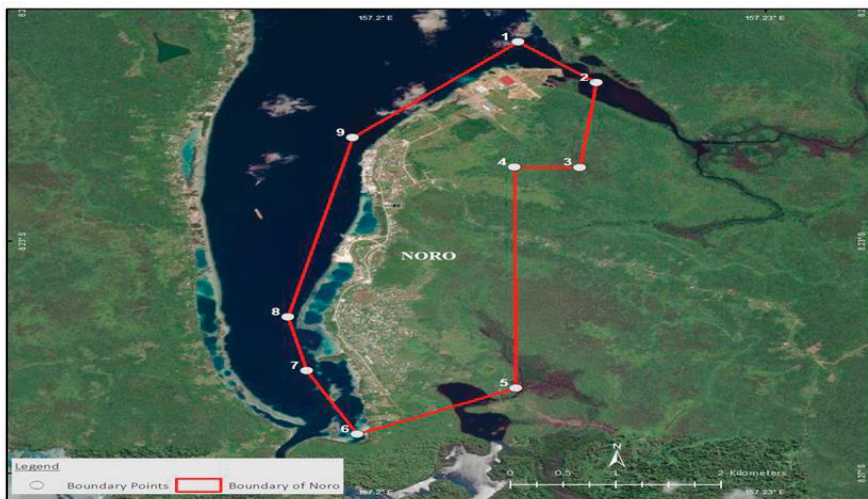
**PART A**

**COORDINATES OF NORO EMERGENCY ZONE**

Point Identification	Latitude	Longitude
1	-8.204694	157.212147
2	-8.210581	157.218860
3	-8.222751	157.217452
4	-8.222736	157.211860
5	-8.254492	157.211983
6	-8.261098	157.198410
7	-8.251950	157.194104
8	-8.244234	157.192489
9	-8.218485	157.198057

**PART B**

**MAP INDICATING NORO EMERGENCY ZONE**



Dated this twenty-eight day of January 2022.

**HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE**  
PRIME MINISTER

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