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EMERGENCY POWERS ACT

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EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (NO. 3) REGULATIONS 2021

**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (HONIARA EMERGENCY ZONE)
(RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT OF VESSELS AND AIRCRAFTS)
(AMENDMENT) ORDER 2022**

I, Hon. Manasseh Damukana Sogavare, Prime Minister, under section 17 of the *Emergency Powers (Covid-19) (No. 3) Regulations 2022* (Legal Notice No. 318 of 2021), make the following Order:

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Honiara Emergency Zone) (Restriction of movement of vessels and aircrafts) (Amendment) Order 2022*.

2 Commencement

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

3 Amendment to the Emergency Powers (Covid-19) (Honiara Emergency Zone) (Restriction of Movement of Vessels and Aircrafts) Order 2022.

This Order amends the *Emergency Powers (Covid-19) (Honiara Emergency Zone) (Restriction of Movement of Vessels and Aircrafts) Order 2022*. (Legal Notice No. 15 of 2022) (“*Principal Order*”).

4 Amendment to the Principal Order

This Order amends the Principal Order by deleting paragraph 3, paragraph 4, paragraph 5 and paragraph 6 and substituting the following:

“3 Definitions

“*aircraft*” means any form of transportation through air;

“*emergency zone*” means the emergency zone declared for Honiara by Legal Notice No. 34 of 2020 (as amended by Legal Notice No. 54 of 2020), being the area bounded by a line with the coordinates specified in Part A of the Schedule and indicated by the red line on the map in Part C of the Schedule

“*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;

“*Port of Honiara*” means the Port of Honiara declared under section 5 of the *Ports Act* (Cap. 161), the limits of which are declared under that section in the *Declaration of Ports Limit* (Cap. 161) and demarcated by a line that has the coordinates specified in Part B of the Schedule and shown bounded by a blue line on the map in the Part C of the Schedule.

4 Mandatory COVID-19 test on arrival or departures

- (1) A person upon arriving or leaving the emergency zone by vessels or aircraft, must be tested for the presence of COVID-19 by health officials from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.
- (2) If a person tests positive for COVID-19:
 - (a) he or she must immediately be quarantined at his or her place of residence and self-isolate; or
 - (b) not be allowed to travel and immediately proceed to take steps to be quarantined at his or her place of residence and self-isolate.
- (3) If a person develops COVID-19 symptoms on arrival or departure he or she must proceed to self-isolation at his or her place of residence for a period 10 days and inform the health official from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

5 Requirements for persons leaving or entering Honiara Emergency Zone by vessels or aircraft

A person who departs or arrives by a vessel at the Port of Honiara or the Solomon Airlines Domestic Airport, must:

- (a) be vaccinated against COVID-19; and
- (b) have his or her vaccination certificate at all times;
- (c) wear a face mask; and
- (d) practice social distancing; and
- (e) wash his or her hands frequently; and
- (f) use hand sanitizer frequently; and
- (g) must practice COVID-19 safe measures within 10 days of his or her arrival.

6 Restriction and Exemption of Vessels and Aircrafts entering or leaving the Emergency Zone

- (1) A vessel must not leave the Port of Honiara until this Order is revoked.
- (2) An aircraft must not leave the Solomon Airlines Domestic Airport until this Order is revoked

- (3) An application for an exemption to enter or leave the emergency zone may be made:
 - (a) for a vessel to the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority; and
 - (b) for an aircraft to the National Emergency Operations Centre.
- (4) A vessel or aircraft leaving or entering the emergency zone must be exempted by the Chairman of the National Disaster Council.
- (5) A vessel must provide to the Chairman:
 - (a) through the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority its Ship Safety Certificate and registration status; and
 - (b) comply with all rules and regulations under the applicable laws; and
 - (c) provide each of its crew members their health status; and
 - (d) provide each of its passenger's their health status; and
 - (e) ensure that all crew members and passengers:
 - (i) be vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - (ii) have their vaccination certificates.
- (6) An aircraft must provide to the Chairman:
 - (a) its Aviation Registration Status; and
 - (b) provide each of its crew members and captain their health status; and
 - (c) provide each of its passengers their health status; and
 - (d) ensure that all crew members and passengers:
 - (i) be vaccinated against COVID-19; and
 - (ii) have their vaccination certificates.
- (7) Paragraph 6(1) and (2) does not apply:
 - (a) a vessel operated by an authorised officer or an essential worker while performing his or her functions, responsibilities or duties;
 - (b) an aircraft operated by an authorised officer or an essential worker while performing his or her functions, responsibilities or duties.”

7 Revocation of Legal Notice No. 14 of 2022

The Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Honiara Emergency Zone) (Restriction of Movement of Vessels) Order 2022 (Legal Notice No. 14 of 2022) is revoked.

Dated this eighteenth-day of March 2022.

HON. MANASSEH DAMUKANA SOGAVARE
PRIME MINISTER

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