



**National Emergency Order No.2:**

**BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the *Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Regulation 2020* (Regulation), hereby issue the following emergency orders for immediate implementation:

1. Essential Service Providers in Papua New Guinea ('PNG') shall continue to operate during the National Emergency. The following are deemed to be Essential Services:
  - a. Medical and health services;
  - b. Banking and financial services;
  - c. Grocery shops and supermarkets;
  - d. Manufacturers;
  - e. Telecommunications services;
  - f. Public utilities; and
  - g. Fuel stations.
2. All other Service providers not listed in Paragraph (1) that continue to operate are ordered to adopt and implement safe work practices. This may include where necessary, limiting the number of employees in the workplace, and/or adopting alternative work arrangements.
3. Venues or parts of venues must immediately close for the duration of the National Emergency that provide:
  - a. gambling activities and services;
  - b. night club activities and services;
  - c. sports clubs and venues selling tickets to patrons to be spectators of sports, musical or cultural events.
4. No person shall sell, or transport for the purposes of sale, Areca Nut, also known as betelnut or buai; and no person shall purchase from a seller, buai or betelnut for consumption.

5. The Controller or Authorised Officer may implement measures to control the following:

- Overcrowding and social distancing;
- Sanitation;
- Hygiene; and
- Public awareness.

6. An immediate ban is placed on gatherings of over 100 persons.

7. Non-compliance of the above is unlawful and may be penalized under the Regulation or other applicable laws.

8. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Emergency Controller pursuant to the Regulation, shall carry out and enforce the Emergency Orders accordingly.



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**Emergency Controller**