

## PNG PEAK BODIES COVID-19 CIRCULAR

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### DAY 1 SOE MEETING WITH POLICE MINISTER AND HEALTH MINISTER

#### Background

Business representatives met with Police Minister and Health Minister. Since the issuance of our *Advisory Note to Members on the State of Play under the COVID 19 State Of Emergency* last night, there have been a total of 18 queries from businesses right across the country. Several were duplicates and we will answer them collectively for the purposes of this circular. Nonetheless, our staff will respond to all queries via email.

#### Queries and Responses From Minister of Police

<b>MOVEMENT OF PERSONS FROM INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS AND PROVINCES</b>		
<b>Query</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Action Item</b>
Are PNG citizens able to travel from international flights back to PNG.	As per the State Of Emergency Rules, the answer is no. However, if the person is of high value in ensuring essential service is to continue, Minister of Health may grant exemption. This request will be determined after best available information is submitted to Minister for his urgent consideration.	Businesses are advised to submit all letters to the business reps of NOC 19 who will urgently relay to SOE Controller, Ministers of Police and Health for their feedback.
Chartered flights or other flights with passengers to travel between provinces.	As per the State Of Emergency Rules, the answer is no. However, if the person is of high value in ensuring essential service is to continue, Minister of Health may grant exemption. This request will be determined after best available information is submitted to Minister	Businesses are advised to submit all letters to the business reps of NOC 19 who will urgently relay to SOE Controller, Ministers of Police and Health for their feedback.



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	for his urgent consideration.	
<b>RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY OFFICIALS AND MPS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY</b>		
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NAQIA has sent notices of 14 day closure and therefore bio security permits cannot be issued.	Minister of Health is urgently determining the status of NAQIA and will reply this evening.	Business Reps are following up on this matter as a matter of priority.
Liquor Ban in Eastern Highlands Province	Police Minister will consult with Eastern Highlands Governor and will respond tomorrow. Note such powers are vested with provincial gov't.	Minister will update tomorrow 10am on his consultation with Eastern Highlands Governor.
Restriction on the movement of cargos from provinces by police.	Operational procedures are being updated and Provincial Police Commanders will then inform their officers that movement of cargos will not be restricted.	Minister Police and SOE Controller will update tomorrow 10am on Operational procedures.
Law and Order escalation along supply chain routes.	PNG Defence Force are preparing to escort all land freights and will commence this operation soon.	Minister Police and SOE Controller will update tomorrow 10am on Operational procedures.
Public Motor Vehicle routes and costs.	Operational procedures are been updated and Metropolitan Superintendent NCD and Central will then inform his officers to permit the operations of PMVs. They will also assist in ensuring pricing is not abused.	Minister Police and SOE Controller will update tomorrow 10am on Operational procedures.
Continuation on operations of air freight services.	As per the State Of Emergency Rules, air freight services	Businesses are however encouraged to draft letters on all flight schedules, identify cargos, air crew and related information to the

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	are not restricted. Nonetheless it is encouraged to draft a letter to the Minister for Health.	Minister for Health. Email it to the Business Representatives and they will submit it to the Minister for Health for noting. Where there are restrictions applied by officials, the letter will ensure movement of cargo.
Continuation on operations of sea freight services.	As per the State Of Emergency Rules, sea freight services are not restricted.	Businesses are however encouraged to draft letters on all sea freight schedules, identify cargos, sea crew and related information to the Minister for Health. Email it to the Business Representatives and they will submit it to the Minister for Health for noting. Where there are restrictions applied by officials, the letter will ensure movement of cargo.
Continuation on operations of land freight services.	As per the State Of Emergency Rules, land freight services are not restricted.	Businesses are however encouraged to draft letters on all land freight schedules, identify cargos, crew and related information to the Minister for Health. Email it to the Business Representatives and they will submit it to the Minister for Health for noting. Where there are restrictions applied by officials, the letter will ensure movement of cargo.
OTHER QUERIES		
Query	Response	Action Item
Is Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March fasting and prayer a public holiday.	Prime Minister has confirmed that tomorrow is a day of prayer and not a Public Holiday.	Businesses are to notify staff of tomorrow's observance as day of prayer. They are to remain indoors. If they do gather in public places, to expect police enforcing rules on closing these gatherings.



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