



**OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

**MEMO TO AIR OPERATORS**

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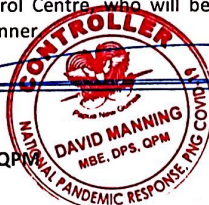
New Measures have been released today taking effect on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January under the National Pandemic Act 2020. This memo is to clarify misunderstandings, which seem to have given rise to different requirements being sent out by air operators over the past few days that are not in line with the Measures.

As such, please note the following:

1. The **norm** going forward will be that persons who were approved to enter PNG after the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2020 will be required to do a 14-day quarantine regardless of the country from which they originally travelled from.
2. There will, however, continue to be exemptions to this, both for persons approved to enter PNG before the 15<sup>th</sup> of January and for persons approved after this date, who I provide a specific exemption.
3. There will also continue to be exemptions for persons to quarantine at home or at another location not included in the Measures. If a person has the required forms signed off for home quarantine, it is my strong expectation that aviation operators will respect this.
4. Unless provided an exemption in writing people will be required upon arrival to have a tracking app put on their smartphone if going to a hotel quarantine or either an app or an ankle bracelet if going into home quarantine or another location not designated in the measures. This is a requirement that a person must meet upon arrival NOT before they board an aircraft for PNG.
5. Finally, if a moratorium – per Measure 2.25 – is going to be put in place due to advice received from the Secretary of Health regarding heightened risks certain regions or countries present, the Direction will be published online with the list of countries and other relevant details.

If there are any questions or clarifications now or in the future, please contact Mr Dominic Kakas at the National Control Centre, who will be able to ensure that your queries are responded to in a timely manner.

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