



REPUBLIC OF NAURU

NATIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT ACT 2016

[National Disaster Risk Management (Management and Minimisation of the Impacts of Coronavirus (COVID-19)) Regulations 2020]

[National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19))(Community Transmission) and (Public Health Safety) Regulations 2020]

[National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19))(Ports) Regulations 2020]

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Order No. 9 / 2020

Effective 12th November 2020

PURSUANT to the powers vested in me under the *National Disaster Risk Management Act 2016 and Regulations made under the Act*, I, **Lionel Rouwen Aingimea, M.P.**, Minister for National Emergency Services, do hereby **ORDER** the following restrictions and requirements in relation to travel and entry of persons to Nauru:

A. PRIOR TO TRAVEL

- (1) A person (including crew of aircrafts or vessels) travelling to Nauru is subject to routine Immigration, Customs and Quarantine requirements for Nauru, as well as other COVID-19 specific laws, regulations and orders.
- (2) A person must consider whether travel to Nauru is necessary at this time. If travel to Nauru is not necessary, a person must consider postponing his or her travel.
- (3) A passenger travelling to Nauru must have spent a minimum of 14 days in any of the following countries or territories, immediately prior to travelling to Nauru:
 - (a) Australia
 - (b) Cook Islands
 - (c) Fiji
 - (d) Kiribati
 - (e) Marshall Islands
 - (f) Micronesia (Federated States)
 - (g) New Caledonia
 - (h) New Zealand
 - (i) Niue
 - (j) Palau
 - (k) Samoa
 - (l) Solomon Islands
 - (m) Taiwan
 - (n) Tonga
 - (o) Tuvalu
 - (p) Vanuatu
- (4) A passenger travelling from a country or territory that is not listed in paragraph (3) above within 14 days of travelling to Nauru, must apply for an exemption to travel to Nauru at least 3 days prior to the date of travel to Nauru. The Republic has the right to decline the travel request or grant an exemption, in its absolute discretion.

(5) A person (including crew of an aircraft or vessel) who is:

- (a) presenting signs or symptoms¹ consistent with COVID-19;
- (b) a contact case²; or
- (c) a suspect, probable or confirmed case³, -

must not travel to Nauru.

(6) A person to whom paragraph (5) applies, must not be permitted to check-in or board a flight to Nauru or board a vessel travelling to Nauru:

- (a) until providing a medical certificate confirming that the person has had no signs or symptoms for at least 14 consecutive days prior to the date of such travel; or
- (b) if remaining asymptomatic throughout, until providing a medical certificate confirming that the person has had no signs or symptoms since being in contact with a probable or confirmed case, or since being determined to be a suspect, probable or confirmed case, for at least 14 consecutive days prior to the date of such travel.

B. PERSONS TRAVELLING ON AN AIRCRAFT TO NAURU

(1) A person travelling on an aircraft to Nauru is required to have a negative result for a COVID-19 test taken within 3 days of travelling to Nauru. For the purposes of this Part:

(a) The required test must be:

- (i) a PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 virus RNA;
- (ii) from a naso/oro pharyngeal swab sample;
- (iii) with the sample taken within 3 days of commencing travel to Nauru;
(if travel includes transit in one or more ports, the commencement of travel is from the first port of departure);
- (iv) undertaken by a laboratory certified to perform COVID-19 testing in that country; and

¹ **Signs or Symptoms** consistent with Coronavirus include, but are not limited to, fever and respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, sore throat). Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include: loss of smell or taste, general weakness/fatigue, headache, muscle/joint pains, runny nose, loss of appetite, nausea/vomiting, diarrhoea, altered mental status

² **Contact Case**

A Contact Case is a person in any of the following situations, from 2 days before and up to 14 days after the onset of symptoms, in the confirmed or probable case of COVID-19:

1. Direct physical contact with a probable or confirmed case;
2. Close contact with a probable or confirmed case within 1 meter and for more than 15 minutes;
3. Sharing of a closed space with a confirmed or probable case for a prolonged period (e.g. more than 2 hours)
4. Direct care for a patient with probable or confirmed COVID-19 disease without using proper personal protective equipment;

³ **Suspect case**

A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory disease, e.g., cough, shortness of breath), AND a history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to symptom onset or having been in contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case) in the last 14 days prior to symptom onset; OR requiring hospitalization and in the absence of an alternative diagnosis that fully explains the clinical presentation.

Probable case

A suspect case for whom testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus is inconclusive or could not be performed for any reason.

Confirmed case

A person with laboratory confirmation of SARS-CoV-2 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms.

- (v) with results in English that verify the patient and the date of sampling.
- (b) The result must be presented to Nauru Airlines Staff or Agents at airport check-in for the flight to Nauru.
- (2) A passenger may be denied check-in or travel to Nauru if the test produced in paragraph (1) is positive or does not conform with the requirements.
- (3) A passenger travelling on an aircraft to Nauru must undergo additional pre check-in screening, which may include:
 - (a) responding to questions regarding presenting signs or symptoms, COVID-19 status, contacts and travel history; and
 - (b) physical wellness and temperature checks.
- (4) A passenger or traveller on an aircraft travelling to Nauru must:
 - (a) wear a facemask for the duration of the flight (other than necessary for eating and drinking); and
 - (b) notify a crew member if they become unwell or develop any COVID-19 signs or symptoms during the flight.

C. ON ARRIVAL IN NAURU

- (1) A passenger entering Nauru must undergo Arrival Screening, which includes:
 - (a) completing the “*Arriving Passenger Health Declaration*” form;
 - (b) being assessed for signs or symptoms of COVID-19, their COVID-19 status, contacts and travel history;
 - (c) a physical wellness and temperature check; and
 - (d) such other medical assessments as may be required by the Secretary for Health and Medical Services or the written laws of the Republic relating to COVID-19.
- (2) **Transit Station**
 - (a) Effective 16 March 2020, all persons arriving into Nauru are required to remain in quarantine in a Designated Residence – (Transit Station)⁴ before being permitted to enter the Nauruan community.
 - (b) Transportation from the port of arrival directly to the Designated Residence – (Transit Station), accommodation and 3 meals a day will be provided.

⁴ “Designated Residence – Transit Station” is a facility designated by the Minister for National Emergency Services as accommodation that the Government of Nauru has designated specifically for the purposes of COVID-19 quarantine.

D. DURING QUARANTINE AT DESIGNATED RESIDENCE (TRANSIT STATION)

(1) Screening and Testing

- (a) A person in a Designated Residence (Transit Station) will have physical wellness and temperature checks undertaken three times a day or such other time as may be necessary.
- (b) A person in a Designated Residence (Transit Station) must undergo a mandatory SARS-CoV-2 test prior to release from the Transit Station.

(2) Period of quarantine at Designated Residence (Transit Station)

A person arriving in Nauru will remain in a Designated Residence (Transit Station) for a minimum period of 5 days or until cleared for entry into the Nauruan community.

(3) Isolation at Designated Residence – Observation Station or Treatment Station

If a person is confirmed to be a contact, suspect, probable or confirmed case after screening or testing on arrival, or during quarantine at the Transit Station, he or she will be accommodated at the Designated Residence - Observation Station⁵ or Designated Residence - Treatment Station⁶, for further assessment and medical management, where he or she will remain until medically cleared for entry into the Nauruan community, or until he or she departs Nauru.

E. MARITIME TRAVEL TO NAURU

- (1) A vessel may travel directly to Nauru when its last port of call was in a country or territory listed in Part A, paragraph (3)(2) and the vessel does not have contact with any other vessel before entering the port at Aiwo District in Nauru.
- (2) Where the last port of call was in a country or territory not listed in Part A, paragraph (3), the vessel must spend at least 14 days at sea with no contact with another vessel before entering the port at Aiwo District in Nauru.
- (3) Where there is no facility to undertake laboratory testing for SARS-CoV-2 in Nauru, all vessels sailing to Nauru must spend 14 days at sea with no contact with another vessel before entering the port at Aiwo District in Nauru.
- (4) Prior to arriving in Nauru waters, the following documents are required to be submitted under the *National Disaster Risk Management (Coronavirus (COVID-19)(Ports)) Regulations 2020* to enable advance assessment by Nauruan authorities:
 - (a) Health Declaration Form;
 - (b) traveller list;

⁵ “Designated Residence – Observation Station” is a facility designated by the Minister for the purpose of quarantine or isolation and further medical observation of contact, suspect, probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

⁶ “Designated Residence – Treatment Station” is a facility designated by the Minister for the purpose of isolation and further medical management of probable or confirmed COVID-19 cases.

- (c) crew list;
 - (d) cargo manifest;
 - (e) last 2 ports of call list; and
 - (f) list of passengers and crew, if any, displaying any signs or symptoms of or is suffering from COVID-19.
- (5) On arrival at the port in Nauru, the Master of the vessel must allow the Harbourmaster, Immigration Officer, Customs Officer, maritime security officer, health service providers or any other authorised person to undertake any legal or health formalities or requirements.
- (6) All persons, on a vessel entering Nauru to conduct operations in port, must undergo testing for SARS-CoV-2. The testing must be undertaken before any operations may be conducted, other than necessary to facilitate the testing, or as directed by the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority. Once the samples have been taken, the vessel must drift under the direction of the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority whilst awaiting test results and further directives from Nauruan authorities.
- (7) ~~Once cleared~~, the vessel will be able to enter the port as per usual procedures and under the direction of the Nauru Maritime and Port Authority.
- (8) If there is any suspect, probable or confirmed case on board the vessel, Nauruan authorities may determine any modified procedures for operating the vessel in port or may deny the vessel entry to Nauru.

F. EXEMPTIONS

- (1) The following persons are exempted from the requirements under paragraph (2) of Part A, paragraph (1) of Part B and all of Part C:
- (a) Airline crew and operational staff who are not disembarking in Nauru;
 - (b) Medical and support personnel travelling to Nauru for the purposes of a medical evacuation and are not disembarking in Nauru;
 - (c) Transit passengers that do not disembark from the aircraft during transit;
- provided that such persons:
- (i) use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment during the flight and in transit;
 - (ii) have no physical contact with Nauru ground staff and officials; and
 - (iii) do not enter the terminal building.
- (2) The following persons are exempted from the requirements under paragraph (1) (b) and paragraph (2) of Part D:
- A person who is in transit and will depart Nauru within 5 days.
- (3) Vessels entering the Nauru Port, to undertake an operation arranged in advance with the Nauru Port Authority and approved by the Coronavirus Taskforce, to be conducted under strict no physical contact protocols, is exempted from the requirements of paragraphs (2), (3) and (6) of Part E.

(4) Applications for exemptions from any requirement under this Order may be submitted to the National Coronavirus Taskforce for consideration on a case by case basis and may be authorised by the Minister for Health.

G. OPERATORS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

This Order is to be implemented and effected by the Airlines, Vessels, Immigration Officers, Quarantine, Health and other authorities as may be necessary through their various statutory or administrative powers. In case of an inconsistency between this Order and any written law of the Republic, the written law will prevail.

Dated this 12th day of November 2020.



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