SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

Dated 13th March, 2020.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

REF: JOINT TRAVEL ADVISORY No. 3

This Joint Travel Advisory No.3 dated 13th March, 2020 is issued by Ministry of Commerce, Industries, Labour and Immigration together with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services. This Joint Travel Advisory supersedes the Joint Travel Advisory dated 27th February, 2020 and comes into force on the 14th of March.

There is a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) determined to constitute a public health risk to other States through the international spread of disease and requires a coordinated international and national response.

This travel advisory is applicable to all travellers and crew regardless of mode of travel

Based on health advice from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services on the increased risk posed by the spread of 2019 novel coronavirus ("the COVID-19"), the Solomon Islands Government has introduced strict new travel restrictions and revised travel advice. This advice is subject to change at short notice due to the developing nature of the Public Health Emergency

1. Notification for intending travellers:

Annexure A – Restricted Countries

1.1 Effective immediately, any foreign person who has travelled from or transited through the Countries identified in Annexure A ("Restricted Countries") during the 14 days immediately before the day on which the person arrives in Solomon Islands will not be permitted to enter the Country.

1.2 Effective immediately, any Solomon Island nationals who has travelled from or transited through the Countries identified in Annexure A ("Restricted Countries") at any time during the 14 days immediately before the day on which the person arrives in Solomon Islands will be permitted to enter the Country under strict Health criteria, to be advised by Health prior to, or upon arrival in country. Such criteria may include an imposed 14 day quarantine period or other conditions as directed by health officials.

Annexure B - Affected Countries

1.3 Upon arrival all travellers and crew must provide details of their international travel history for the period of 14 days prior

1.4 All travellers and crew will be subject to risk-based assessment by the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) at authorised Points of Entry and may be subject to quarantine restrictions for up to 14 days or monitored by health authorities for 14 days or denied entry.

1.5 Any traveller or crew who is preparing to travel to the Solomon Islands should self-assess their health, and if thought to display symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, are strongly advised not to travel.

1.6 If any person decides to travel to Solomon Islands, such traveller must have their travel history and information readily available upon arrival.

1.7 Any travellers or crew upon or after arrival in the Solomon Islands is mandated to report to Health authorities if they become unwell and display symptoms of the COVID-19 during a period of 14 days after such arrival. Any such person should immediately self-quarantine before contacting Health authorities, and minimise contact with others until Health authorities can assess you.

2. Pre-arrival screening measures:

2.1 The pilot or ship master of all aircraft/ vessels coming to Solomon Islands are mandated to report, upon arrival, presence of sick person on board (symptoms or signs of flu, running nose, fever, headache, chest pain, difficulty in breathing, or rash) using health declaration part of aircraft general declaration or Maritime Declaration of Health as applicable.

2.2 All persons including crew arriving in Solomon Islands either by air or sea MUST complete a **Traveller's Public Health Declaration Card**.

2.3 All travellers originating or transiting through Affected Countries and Regions (Annexure B) will be monitored and are mandated to report presence or development of any symptoms within 14 days of arrival in Solomon Islands. They could be subjected to quarantine and/ or isolation as applicable. Persons suspected of or displaying any symptoms of the COVID-19 will be isolated and subjected to future diagnosis or tests by Health Authorities. Any quarantine/ isolation place and period shall be determined and/or directed by Health Authorities.

2.4 All incoming travellers **MUST** complete a Travellers Public Health Declaration and also provide full details of their place of stay, travel itinerary and current personal contact details in Solomon Islands for 14 days after their arrival in Solomon Islands.

2.5 Any person found to be providing false information to the Solomon Islands Government will be prosecuted under the relevant laws of Solomon Islands and this may include imprisonment or deportation.

3. Additional measures specific to incoming maritime vessels and crafts:

3.1 The SIG has currently designated Honiara Port and Noro Port as the only approved Entry and Exit Points of Clearance.

3.2 Approvals under 3.1 shall be conditioned to presentation of mandatory minimum documentation detailed in the Customs directive and/or as requested by the Solomon Islands Government.

3.3 The Customs Comptroller has issued specific directives for maritime traffic. These can be found on the Customs website www.customs.gov.sb

4. Solomon Island Citizens and Residents

4.1 SIG has imposed a "No Travel" restriction upon all members of Parliament and Government Officials to Annexure A countries (Restricted).

4.2 Citizens and residents of the Solomon Islands are advised to avoid and/or defer non-essential travel including conferences and trainings to Annexure A countries (Restricted) and those who travel to such countries shall be subject to measures detailed at 1.1 and 1.2 of this Travel Advisory.

5. General Information

5.1 All persons travelling or intending to travel to and from the Solomon Islands are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with these travel restrictions. The following SIG websites will be posting updated Travel Advisories and information related to travel.

www.visitsolomons.com.sb; www.customs.gov.sb; www.ndmo.gov.sb

https://solomons.gov.sb/ministry-of-health-medical-services/essential-services/learn-about-coronavirus/

5.2 Travellers are advised that Country Lists (Annexures A and B) will be updated regularly by Authorities

All Travel Agents, Customs, Immigration, Bio Security, Solomon Islands Ports Authority, Government Ministries and relevant stakeholders are duly informed of this notice for their adherence.

Thank you for cooperation and understanding.

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Dated this 13th March, 2020.

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ANNEXURE A

List of Restricted Countries and Regions.[1]

1	Austria	23	Sweden
2	Bahrain	24	Switzerland
3	Belgium	25	Thailand
4	Chinese Taipei	26	Indonesia
5	Denmark	27	Qatar
6	France	28	Israel
7	Germany		
8	Greece		
9	Hong Kong SAR		
10	Iran		
11	Iraq		
12	Italy		
13	Japan		
14	Kuwait		
15	Macau		
16	Malaysia.		
17	Netherlands		
18	Norway		
19	Peoples Republic of China (Mainland China)		
20	South Korea		
21	Singapore		
22	Spain		

[1] Maritime vessels must comply with the 14 day quarantine period.

ANNEXURE B

Affected Countries.[2]

1	Afghanistan	25	Estonia
2	Algeria	26	Finland
3	Andorra	27	French Guiana
4	Argentina	28	French Polynesia
5	Armenia	29	Georgia
6	Australia	30	Gibraltar
7	Azerbaijan	31	Hungary
8	Belarus	32	Iceland
9	Bhutan	33	India
10	Bosnia and Herzegovina	34	Ireland
11	Brazil	35	Jordan
12	Cambodia	36	Latvia
13	Cameroon	37	Lebanon
14	Canada	38	Liechtenstein
15	Chile	39	Lithuania
16	Colombia	40	Luxembourg
17	Costa Rica	41	Martinique
18	Croatia	42	Mexico
19	Czech Republic	43	Monaco
20	Dominican Republic	44	Morocco
21	Ecuador	45	Nepal
22	Egypt	46	New Zealand
23	Faroe Islands	47	Nigeria

[2] Maritime vessels and crew will undergo risk based assessment prior to berthing, as to determine for 14 day quarantine.

48	North Macedonia	74	Vietnam
49	Oman	75	United Arab Emirates
50	Pakistan	76	Occupied Palestian territory
51	Palestine	77	Maldives
52	Peru	78	Bulgaria
53	Philippines	79	Republic of Maldova
54	Poland	80	Cyprus
55	Portugal	81	Cameroon
56	Paraguay	82	Burkina Faso
57	Romania	83	Channel Islands
58	Russia	84	Panama
59	Saint Barthelemy	85	Bhutan
60	San Marino	86	Brunei
61	Saudi Arabia	87	Mongolia
62	Senegal	88	Bolivia
63	Serbia	89	Turkey
64	Slovakia	90	Honduras
65	Slovenia	91	Cote D'Ivoire
66	South Africa	92	Jamaica
67	Sri Lanka	93	Democratic Republic of Congo
68	Togo	94	Brunei
69	Tunisia	95	Cyprus
70	United Kingdom	96	Guernsey
71	Ukraine	97	Bangladesh
72	USA	98	
73	Vatican City		