



SOLOMON ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

Dated 21st March 2020.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

REF: JOINT TRAVEL ADVISORY No. 4

This Joint Travel Advisory No.4 dated 21st 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 13th March, 2020 and **comes into force on the 22nd of March 2020**. 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:

1.1 Effective immediately **all non-citizens** will not be permitted to enter the Solomon Islands.

1.2 Incoming Solomon Islands Citizens and residents who travelled through any country reporting cases of COVID-19(Coronavirus) will be permitted to enter however, will undergo mandatory strict quarantine for 14 days.

1.3 Upon arrival all travelers and crew must provide details of their international travel history for the period of 14 days prior to arrival in Solomon Islands.

1.4 Any traveler 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.

1.5 Any air 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 the 14-day period after arrival.

1.6 Clause 1.1 shall not apply to Authorised Personnel with prior written approval of the Prime Minister.

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 any 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 arriving in Solomon Islands will be quarantined for 14 days and are mandated to report presence or development of any symptoms within 14 days of arrival in Solomon Islands. 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 station 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 Solomon Islands Government has currently designated only Honiara and Noro Ports as the only approved Entry and Exit Points of Clearance.

3.2 No cruise liners and yachts are allowed to enter the country for a period of 90 days.

3.3 All cargo ships, including all logging, mineral ores and fishing vessels must serve the 14 day period off shore and can only be cleared after that period.

3.4 Clearance under 3.3 shall be conditioned to presentation of mandatory minimum documentation as requested by the Solomon Islands Government.

4. Solomon Islands Citizens and Residents

4.1 Solomon Islands Government has imposed a "No Travel" restriction upon all members of Parliament and Government Officials.

4.2 Solomon Islands Citizens and Residents are advised to avoid or defer non-essential travel overseas. Those who travel overseas will be subjected to conditions in 1.2 on return to Solomon Islands.

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 Solomon Islands Government websites will be posting updated Travel Advisories and information related to travel:

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

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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