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**EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2)
REGULATIONS 2021**

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**EMERGENCY POWERS ACT
(CAP. 11)**

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IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the *Emergency Powers Act* (Cap. 11), the Governor-General makes the following Regulations:

1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) (Amendment)(No. 2) Regulations 2021*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day they are published in the *Gazette*.

3 Amendment of Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations 2021

These Regulations amend the *Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations*

2021 (Legal Notices No. 84 of 2021 and No. 100 of 2021) (“*Principal Regulations*”).

4 Regulation 3 amended (Definitions)

Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after the definition of “*Authorised officer*”:

“*citizen of Solomon Islands*” means a person who is a citizen under section 5 of the *Citizenship Act 2018*.”.

5 Heading to Part 3 amended

The heading to Part 3 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting “**QUARANTINE**” and substituting “**VACCINATION AND QUARANTINE AND TESTING FOR COVID-19**”

6 Regulation 25 amended (Definitions for Part 3)

Regulation 25 of the Principal Regulations is amended:

- (a) by omitting “residence.” from paragraph (d) of the definition of “*self-quarantine*” and substituting “residence;”; and
- (b) by inserting after the definition of “self-quarantine”:

“*vaccine*” means:

- (a) a vaccine approved by the World Health Organisation as a vaccine that produces immunity and protects against COVID-19; or
- (b) any other vaccine approved by Cabinet, on the recommendation of the National Medicines and Therapeutics Committee of the Solomon Islands, for use in Solomon Islands against COVID-19;

“*vaccinated against COVID-19*” means having been given the full dosage of a vaccine.”.

Note to definition of “vaccinated against COVID-19”:

For example, a person is given the full dosage of a vaccine if the person is given 2 doses of the AstraZeneca, Pfizer or Sinopharm vaccine or 1 dose of the Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine.

7 Regulation 26 amended (Mandatory quarantine on entry to Solomon Islands)

Regulation 26 of the Principal Regulations is amended:

- (a) by inserting after subregulation (1)(b):
 - “(ba) if a person referred to in regulation 31(2)(a)(ii) or (iii), during the quarantine period be given one dose of a vaccine; and”;
- (b) by omitting subregulation (2)(a) and substituting:
 - “(a) at the end of the quarantine period:
 - (i) when the person tests negative for the presence of COVID-19

for the person's last test while quarantined; and

- (ii) if a person referred to in regulation 31(2)(a)(ii) or (iii), when the person has been given one dose of a vaccine; or”.

8 Heading to Regulation 31 amended

The heading to regulation 31 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting “**Quarantine**” and substituting “**Vaccination, quarantine**”.

9 Regulation 31 amended (Quarantine and testing of person from extremely high-risk COVID-19 country or territory)

Regulation 31 of the Principal Regulations is amended:

- (a) by omitting subregulation (2)(a) and substituting:

“(a) comply with one of the following subparagraphs:

- (i) be vaccinated against COVID-19 and in addition:

- (A) have a vaccination certificate that certifies that the person has been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

- (B) not have begun travelling to Solomon Islands until 4 weeks after they have been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

- (C) have self-quarantined for the 21-day period immediately before the person began travelling to Solomon Islands;

- (ii) if the person has been infected with COVID-19 and has received only one dose of a vaccine for which 2 doses are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19:

- (A) have a vaccination certificate that certifies that the person has been given one dose of the vaccine; and

- (B) not have begun travelling to Solomon Islands until 4 weeks after they have been vaccinated against COVID-19; and

- (C) have self-quarantined for the 21-day period immediately before the person began travelling to Solomon Islands;

- (iii) if a citizen of Solomon Islands who has not been able to comply with subparagraph (i)(A) and (B) or (ii)(A) and (B), have self-quarantined for the 21-day period immediately before the person began travelling to Solomon Islands; and”;

- (b) by inserting after subregulation (3):

“(3A) If a person referred to in subregulation (2)(a)(ii) or (iii) enters Solomon Islands, the person must:

- (a) be given one dose of a vaccine as soon as practicable after entering Solomon Islands; and

- (b) receive the second dose of the vaccine in accordance with the Ministry

of Health and Medical Services' COVID-19 vaccination advisory.”.

10 New regulation 31A

The Principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 31:

“31A Waiver: regulation 32(2)(a)(i)(A) and (B) and (ii)(A) and (B)

- (1) The Prime Minister may, in writing, waive compliance with regulation 31(2)(a)(i)(A) and (B) or (ii)(A) and (B) by a person who:
 - (a) enters Solomon Islands as an official of a Government of Solomon Islands or another country, or of an international or multilateral organisation, in the course of performing his or her duties to carry out the business of the Government or organisation; or
 - (b) enters Solomon Islands for the purpose of undertaking and completing a national project that is a priority for the Government.
- (2) A person to whom a waiver under subregulation (1) applies must:
 - (a) comply with all other requirements of this Part; and
 - (b) be given one dose of a vaccine as soon as practicable after entering Solomon Islands; and
 - (c) receive the second dose of the vaccination in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services' COVID-19 vaccination advisory.”.

11 Regulation 44 amended (Deportation of non-citizen convicted of offence)

Regulation 44 of the Principal Regulations is amended by omitting subregulation (1).

Made this sixth-day of July 2021.

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