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MADE UNDER REGULATION 7 OF THE COVID-19 (THREATENED EMERGENCY) REGULATION 2021

1 Citation

This may be cited as the Standard Operating Procedure for International Travel to Tuvalu.

2 Application

(1) Any person travelling to Tuvalu from an overseas port must comply with the procedures provided in this SOP in addition to any other procedure or condition prescribed by law.

(2) The Minister shall determine the appropriate colour coding for cities, states and countries in accordance with section 3 and the corresponding measures provided in this SOP shall be applicable.

(3) For the purpose of this SOP a person is considered to have visited a country if they travelled to or transited through that country in the 14 days prior to entering Tuvalu.

3 Colour Coding Criteria

In assigning the appropriate colour coding for cities, states and countries the Minister may be guided by the following criteria:

(a) **Red colour code:** cities, states or countries where the vaccination rate is below 60% of the target group and community transmission of COVID-19 is above 100 cases per day on average in the previous 30 days.

(b) **Orange colour code:** cities, states or countries where the vaccination rate is above 60% of the target group and community transmission of COVID-19 is below 100 cases per day on average in the previous 30 days.

(c) **Green colour code:** cities, states or countries where vaccination rate is above 80% of the target group and community transmission of COVID-19 is below 50 cases per day on average in the previous 30 days.

(d) **White colour code:** cities, states or countries where the vaccination rate is above 90% of the target group, and there are no community transmissions in the previous 30 days.

Notwithstanding the above criteria, the Minister may impose additional measures to prevent the introduction of any new variant of COVID-19, including a complete closure of borders to travellers from a particular country.

4 Mandatory Conditions for all Inbound Passengers

Subject to the COVID-19 (Threatened Emergency) Regulation, the following are the mandatory conditions for all inbound passengers:

(a) Any person who is 18 years old or over must complete a full Covid-19 vaccination program two weeks prior to entering Tuvalu.

(b) Proof of full vaccination shall be provided to relevant authorities within a minimum of 3 days prior to departure for and upon entry to Tuvalu.

(c) Any person intending to travel to Tuvalu must provide proof of a negative Covid-19 PCR test result to authorised personnel 3 days prior to the date of departure for Tuvalu.

5 Rules Applicable Under the Colour Coding System

(1) RED List

Any person who visited a city, state or country on the red list shall be subject to:

(a) 7 days pre-departure quarantine in an approved quarantine facility abroad; and

(b) 14 days quarantine upon arrival in Tuvalu.

(2) ORANGE List

Any person who visited a city, state or country on the orange list shall be subject to:

(a) 3 days pre-departure quarantine in an approved quarantine facility abroad; and

(b) 7 days quarantine upon arrival in Tuvalu.

(3) **GREEN List**

Any person who visited a city, state or country on the green list shall:

- (a) self-isolate for 3 days prior to travelling to Tuvalu; and
- (b) be subject to 2 days quarantine upon arrival in Tuvalu.

(4) **White list countries**

Any person who visited a city, state or country on the green list shall:

- (a) self-isolate for 3 days prior to travelling to Tuvalu; and
- (b) self-isolate for 2 days upon arrival in Tuvalu.

6 Exemptions

The Minister may approve separate arrangements or exemptions for passengers travelling to Tuvalu by boat or for passengers travelling under travel bubble arrangements or strict travel protocols.