REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT [CAP 234]

Declaration of Public Health Emergency (Amendment) Order No. 53 of 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 21A of the Public Health Act [CAP 234], I, the Honourable BRUNO LEIGNKONE, Minister of Health make the following Order.

1 Amendments

The Declaration of Public Health Emergency Order No. 6 of 2022 is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 22 **day of** April **, 2022.**

Honourable BRUNO LEIGNKONE
Minister of Health

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU
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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 6 OF 2022

1 After subclause 3A(1)

Insert

"(1A) A person must not travel into or out of TORBA Province and Pentecost."

2 After subclause 3A(2)

Insert

"(2A) Despite subclause (2), the repatriation of citizens, residents and special category visa holders, including Recognised Seasonal Employers and Seasonal Worker's Program may commence under the following conditions:

(a) travellers must comply with pre-travel requirements as approved by the Health Emergency Advisory Committee; and

(b) travellers from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and New Caledonia must be quarantined for 3 days and be subject to a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on day 3 of the quarantine period; and

(c) travellers transiting from countries or continents outside Australia and New Zealand (such as from Africa, Asia, Europe, America or other Pacific islands) must be quarantined for 7 days and be subject to a RAT on day 6 of the quarantine period; and

(d) travellers from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji or New Caledonia may be quarantined at a hotel or at a community isolation & quarantine facility if they cannot afford a hotel; and

(e) travellers referred to under paragraph (c) must be quarantined at a hotel; and

(f) if a traveller tests positive after a RAT either at day 3 or day 6 of the quarantine period, the traveller must be in isolation for 7 days

from the date of developing symptoms or the date of the test (if no symptoms are developed)."

3 Subclause 3AA(1)

Delete "SHEFA and SANMA Provinces", substitute "SANMA and TORBA Provinces and Pentecost"

4 Subclause 3AB(1)

Delete "SHEFA and SANMA Provinces" substitute, "SANMA and TORBA Provinces and Pentecost"

5 After clause 3AB

Insert

"3AC Conditions relating to schools, employers, church gatherings, social events and public gatherings in Efate and its offshore islands

(1) All schools must:

(a) ensure that their Standard Operating Procedures are in compliance with the Ministry of Health requirements; and

(b) ensure physical distancing of students in the classrooms; and

(e) ensure students and teachers and staff of the school including persons entering the school premises, wear a mask at all times; and

(f) provide hand washing stations or provide hand sanitizers for all staff and students including persons entering the school premises.

(2) All employers must:

(a) ensure that their Standard Operating Procedures are in compliance with the Ministry of Health requirements; and

(b) ensure physical distancing of its staff at the work premises; and

(e) ensure that its staff including persons entering the work premises, wear a mask at all times; and

(f) provide hand washing stations or provide hand sanitizers for all its staff including persons entering the work premises.

(3) All church gatherings, social events and public gatherings must ensure physical distancing, mask wearing and hand washing or use of hand sanitizers by people gathering at these places."