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

Commencement [4th May 2022]

1 Citation

This Order may be cited as the Standard Operating Procedure for International Travel to Tuvalu (Consolidation 3).

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.
- (4) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these SOPs, a person travelling from or transiting through any port or place in a country where the omicron variant exists is to be treated for all purposes as a person for which the Red colour code applies.

3 Colour Coding Criteria

(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) The Minister may take into consideration Tuvalu's vaccination rate for COVID-19 when assessing the colour coding for cities, states and countries.

4 Mandatory Conditions for all Inbound Passengers

(1) 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) 3 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) 5 days pre-departure quarantine in an approved quarantine facility abroad; and
- (b) 14 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 10 days quarantine upon arrival in Tuvalu.

(4) **WHITE 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) self-isolate for 2 days upon arrival in Tuvalu. .

6 Administration of pre-departure SOPs

- (1) Minister may appoint a certified agent or agency to administer and oversee the operation of pre-departure SOPs from the country or city of departure.
- (2) The agencies listed in Schedule 1 are to manage and provide support in the administration of pre-departure SOPs from the respective countries and/or cities of departure as specified therein.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Minister may by notice amend Schedule 1 for the proper implementation of this SOP.

7 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.

SCHEDULE

AGENCIES TO ADMINISTER PRE-DEPARTURE SOP

Country of Departure	Agency
Fiji	Tuvalu High Commission (Fiji)
New Zealand	Tuvalu High Commission (New Zealand)