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PUBLIC NOTICE

**TO ALL INTERNATIONAL NON-SCHEDULED FLIGHT OPERATORS,
BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC, INTENDING TO OPERATE INTO
PAPUA NEW GUINEA AIRPORTS**

By virtue of the powers conferred to me under Section 201 of the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (as amended) I, as the Departmental Head, have the authority to grant or deny entry of all non-scheduled international flights into and out of Papua New Guinea's sovereign airspace.

Due to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) worldwide, and which has been recently declared a 'global medical emergency' by the World Health Organization (WHO) I, hereby give directions in consistent with other issued directives by the Immigration Minister;

With immediate effect, all international non-scheduled flights, intending to operate into any Papua New Guinea airport(s) other than Port Moresby, even if it is a Customs Declared Port, must flight plan to indicate Port Moresby International Airport (PMIA) as their first port of entry for mandatory cross-border checks, including novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) tests. Facilities to undertake these checks have been set up at PMIA and conducted by the National Department of Health (NDoH), assisted by the airport CIQ team. Other operations including medical evacuation operations, may be considered on a case by case basis.

This direction must be adhered to at all times until further notice.

ROY H. MUMMU, OBE
Secretary

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