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**RE: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS - CORONAVIRUS**

Pursuant to previously travel restrictions (see Ministry of Health [MOH] website <https://www.health.gov.ws/>) issued under the Health Ordinance 1959, this letter serves to reiterate and confirm the following:

- 1) Travelers who intent to travel to Samoa, having originated their travel from the identified countries ( "restricted country" see list on our website <https://www.health.gov.ws/>)
  - a. Must spend at least 14 day self-quarantine at country of last port that is free of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus; and
  - b. Must undergo medical clearance (and possess a Medical Certificate to confirm) within (3) days prior to final proposed travel date to Samoa.
  - c. The above conditions must be fulfilled in the unaffected country, as their final stop (proposed port of boarding the aircraft) before travelling to Samoa;
  - d. Without confirmation of these conditions, they not allowed to board any flight bound for Samoa (therefore appropriate enquiries should be made at check-in);

- e. Where any travelers under this category enters Samoa without possessing citizens / permanent residence or not) they shall be boarded back on the incoming flight, at the expense of the inbound airline, to return to the country of flight origin or wherever the airline might be traveling to from Apia;
  - f. Such travelers, declined entry and re-boarded (whether Samoan citizens / permanent residence or not), shall be required to undertake and confirm the conditions under a) and b) above, before they would be permitted entry into Samoa.
- 2) Travelers who intend to travel to Samoa, having originated their travel from the second list of countries as noted on our website on <https://www.health.gov.ws/>:
- a. Must not be permitted to board any flight unless they have undergone medical clearance (and possess a Medical Certificate to confirm) within (3) days prior to final proposed travel date to Samoa.
  - b. Without confirmation of this condition, they should not be allowed to board any flight bound for Samoa (therefore appropriate enquiries should be made at check-in);
  - c. Where any traveler under this category enters Samoa without possessing documented confirmation of this condition (whether Samoa citizens / permanent residence or not) they shall be boarded back on the incoming flight, at the expense of the inbound airline, to return to the country of flight origin or whenever the airline might be travelling to from Apia;
  - d. Such travelers, declined entry and re-boarded (whether Samoan citizens / permanent residence or not), shall be required to undertake and confirm this condition in a) above, before they would be permitted entry into Samoa.

- 3) Under the urgency of these necessary protective measures, we direct your Airline to keep updated as to any changes to the above restrictions, in particular the list of affected countries, be reference to our website <https://www.health.gov.ws/> and your Airline in advised to note any amendments as it applies to Airline check in policies and precautions, at the country of boarding the inbound flight to Samoa.
- 4) The website also outlined the contact details for the MOH.
- 5) We trust you will inform your airline management and branches overseas as required.
- 6) It is noted, that this position applies to in-bound sea vessels as well.

Yours faithfully

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