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EMERGENCY POWERS ACT  
(Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS, 2020  
(Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

**Restrictions for Meetings of Societies**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that His Excellency the President in accordance with regulation 30G of the Emergency Powers (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020, has authorised that societies may meet and at any one time the number of persons attending a meeting shall not exceed 50.

Every meeting shall have a host or convener. The host or convener of a meeting shall be responsible for the adherence to COVID-19 protocols for persons attending the meeting.

The following societies may meet as set out below —

- (a) faith based organizations;
- (b) any club, company, partnership or association registered by the Registrar of Societies; and
- (c) political parties, including central committees of political parties.

For the avoidance of doubt faith based organizations shall have a maximum of two religious services per week and shall not have more than 50 persons at any one service.

Government Notice No. 304 of 2020 is hereby revoked.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,  
*Director of Health Services.*

*Government Notice No. 323 of 2020*

EMERGENCY POWERS ACT  
(Cap. 22:04)

EMERGENCY POWERS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS, 2020  
(Cap. 22:04 (Sub. Leg.))

**COVID-19 Tests for Inter-Zonal Travel**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with regulations 8 as read with 30G, the Director may require a person who applies for an inter-zonal permit to take a COVID-19 test where the applicant —

- (a) is travelling from a COVID-19 high risk zone or area;
- (b) returns from a COVID-19 high risk zone or area to a COVID-19 low risk zone or area; or
- (c) transits a COVID-19 high risk zone or area.

Where a person's COVID-19 test results are positive an inter-zonal permit shall not be issued.

For purposes of this Notice, "high risk zone or area" means a COVID zone or area which the Director determines has a high number of COVID-19 cases.

For the avoidance of doubt —

- (a) a person shall not undertake non-essential travel;
- (b) a person shall not travel across COVID zones without a permit;
- (c) a person may only travel across COVID zones —
  - (i) to attend a funeral of an immediate member of the family,
  - (ii) to access a farm, ranch, garden, ploughing field (*masimo*) or cattle post (*moraka*), or
  - (iii) where the person is a convener or facilitator of a meeting, workshop or conference; and

- (d) For purposes of paragraph (i), “immediate member of the family” means a spouse, son, daughter, siblings or parent.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2020.

DR. MALAKI TSHIPAYAGAE,  
*Director of Health Services.*