



The President
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Federated States of Micronesia

**Amendment to the Public Health Emergency Declaration
Per Congressional Resolution No. 21-117**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia issued emergency declaration placing travel ban and restrictions in response to the ongoing spread of the 2019-nCoV new Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, the President amended the emergency declaration on February 4, 2020;

WHEREAS, by Congressional Resolution No. 21-117, Congress further amended and modified the declaration on February 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, in the interest of clarity and of giving full publicity to the Emergency Declaration including all the amendments made thereto, a further amendment encapsulating all the issuances becomes necessary; and

WHEREAS, although the Congressional Resolution lifted the 14 days quarantine requirement, such requirement remains critical at this time given our ongoing efforts of capacity building in order to prepare the nation and our citizens in dealing with the adverse impacts of the virus.

NOW THEREFORE, I, David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, pursuant to the authority vested upon me under Article X Section 9 of the FSM Constitution, do hereby further amend and clarify the Emergency Declaration set out as follows:

(1) All citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia are banned from travelling to mainland China until further notice and until such time that a determination is made that the Coronavirus is effectively contained.

(2) Other citizens, nationals and residents in the FSM are strongly advised against taking unnecessary travel to mainland China and other countries, states and territories with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus until the situation is reassessed and found to be under control making it safe to resume international travel.

(3) Persons travelling directly or indirectly, either by air or sea transport, from anywhere in mainland China since January 6, 2020, are banned from entering into the FSM.

(4) Regarding commercial sea vessels (cargo, tankers and fishing vessels), they shall all be subject to Customs, Immigration & Quarantine (CIQ) and additional health inspection procedures. Commercial vessel crews are allowed to disembark their vessels only in the performance of required operational duties, and only within the immediate dock facilities. Fishing vessel crews may be allowed to disembark provided that they are assessed as healthy by designated Health authorities.



(5) With respect to commercial airlines conducting regular transit service through the FSM, crewmembers and technical support personnel on board the aircraft may exit the aircraft in order to carry out inspection and regular duties around the aircraft, but they are not permitted to enter any airport facilities except for those necessary for the safe operation of the airplane.

(6) A task force is hereby established to coordinate all activities that need to be undertaken and measures that must be formulated and implemented in connection with the Coronavirus outbreak. The Department of Health is designated as lead department and chair of Task Force, which will be responsible for setting up plans to provide any necessary measures that will ensure that the movement of people and international travellers do not cause the introduction of Coronavirus anywhere in the FSM. The members of the Task Force are the following:

- Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM)
- Department of Foreign Affairs
- Department of Finance
- Department of Transportation Communication and Infrastructure (TC&I)
- Department of Justice
- Department of Resources and Development (R&D)
- Department of Education
- FSM Division of Immigration
- Representatives of the Private Sector
- Representatives of State Governments as recommended by the State Governors

(7) The Task Force shall coordinate with the task forces established by the FSM States and work together with international partners such as the World Health Organization and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and provide the President with timely reports, update and appropriate recommendations.

(8) Up to the sum of \$700,000, received as balance and available under the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) accounts set up under Title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), from prior declarations of emergencies, is hereby decreed for this Emergency Declaration. This fund shall be used in any manner necessary to deal with the public health emergency, including the mitigation of costs for people affected by the travel ban instituted by the emergency declaration. The Emergency Task Force shall develop suitable criteria for the mitigation of costs for President's approval.



(9) Expenditures of the decreed fund are subject to full accounting. Within 20 days after the end of the emergency, the Chair of the Task Force, with the assistance of the Secretary of Finance and staff, shall provide the President with full report on the expenditure of funds, and shall submit the report to Congress no later than 30 days after the emergency is over.

(10) During the emergency, a civil right may be impaired only to the extent actually required for the preservation of peace, health, or safety. The normal requirement of competitive bidding is waived for any procurement made in connection with this declaration of emergency.

(11) Unless sooner revoked, this Emergency Declaration is valid for a period of no more than sixty (60) days counting from January 31, 2020.

(12) The 14-day quarantine period that was lifted by the Congressional Resolution No. 21-117 is re-imposed and still in effect until February 28, 2020. For the purpose of paragraph, the quarantine requirement means that: *Persons travelling into FSM from countries, states or territories with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (other than mainland China) are not allowed to enter into the FSM unless they have stayed in countries, states or territories with no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus for a period of no less than 14 days immediately prior to their entry into the FSM.*

(13) Clarification dated February 7, 2020, is hereby rescinded.

(14) The attached Clarification dated February 14, 2020, is in effect and is considered part of this order.

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David W. Pantulo", written over a horizontal line.

David W. Pantulo
President

Date: February 14, 2020

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Clarification of the Public Health Emergency Declaration

(A) It is clarified that with respect to paragraphs #3 and #4 to the extent concerning “*commercial sea vessels*” (which means: fishing vessels, cargo vessels and oil tankers), travelling to the FSM for the purpose of trade and commerce, the following understanding applies:

(1) Commercial sea vessels traveling from or transiting through mainland China or any country, state or territory with confirmed cases of the Coronavirus are allowed to continue to deliver goods, commodities or supplies to the FSM as part of regular trade and commerce; provided, that such vessels have spent an uninterrupted period of no less than 14 days at sea prior to arrival in the FSM. If commercial sea vessels transit or stop in a port or anywhere in a country, state or territory that has no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus, then such transit or stop is not considered as an “interruption” of the 14 days required in this paragraph.

(2) While operating at sea, should any of these commercial sea vessels come into contact with any other vessel that does not meet the requirement of paragraph (1), then these commercial sea vessels must comply with the 14 days requirement prior to their entry into the FSM.

(3) Upon arrival, crewmembers of such vessels are subject to customs, immigration and quarantine inspections; additionally, they will be subject to any additional screening and inspection processes mandated by national and state Health authorities. With the exception of fishing vessel crews, crewmembers are allowed to disembark their vessels only in the performance of required operational duties and only within the immediate dock facilities. Fishing vessel crews may be allowed to proceed onshore provided that their 14 uninterrupted days at sea can be verified, and they are cleared by Health authorities.

(4) Any crewmembers showing any symptoms of the Coronavirus as determined by the FSM Health authorities are subject to quarantine procedures.

(B) It is further clarified that with respect to commercial airlines conducting regular transit service through the FSM, crewmembers and technical support personnel on board the aircraft may exit the aircraft in order to carry out inspection and regular duties around the aircraft, but they are not permitted to enter any airport facilities except for those necessary for the safe operation of the airline.