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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2008

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 167 of the Public Health Act 2008, the Minister responsible for health, with the approval of Cabinet, makes the following Regulations -

1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency (COVID-19) Regulations 2020.

2 Interpretation

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), unless the context otherwise requires, terms used in these Regulations have the same meaning as in the Act.
- (2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –
“Act” means the Public Health Act 2008;

“**COVID-19**” means an Emergency Notifiable Condition declared under section 171 and 172 of the Act dated 11 September 2020 and gazetted on 11 September 2020; and

“**Declaration**” means a Declaration of a Public Health Emergency made under section 164 and 165 of the Act dated 12 March 2020 and gazetted on 13 March 2020.

3 Extension of Declaration

The Declaration of a Public Health Emergency is hereby extended.

4 Commencement and Expiration

These Regulations shall come into effect on 12 September 2020 and expire on 12 March 2021, unless repealed earlier.

Made at Nuku’alofa this **11th** day of **September** 2020.

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