



THE GOVERNOR

STATE OF YAP

EXECUTIVE DECREE NO. 2020-003

BAN ON PASSENGER DISEMBARKATION (AMENDMENT) DECREE 2020

FURTHER TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY PLACING THE ENTIRE STATE OF YAP UNDER A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE BAN ON PASSENGER DISEMBARKATION DECREE 2020 ISSUED BY THE STATE ON 02ND APRIL, 2020 IS HEREBY AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020, designating its official name as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on February 11, 2020 and characterized it as a pandemic on March 12, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the FSM Government on behalf of Yap State has banned all passengers from coming on United Airline flights for a period of 30 days to prevent possible introduction of the COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the Republic of Palau banned passengers from coming on United Airline flights from both Guam and the Philippines and CIA from Yap; and,

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Palau reported a Person Under Investigation (PUI) case that maybe at a higher risks due to the Person Under Investigation recent travel from Guam, a COVID-19 affected area, to Palau on March 16; and,

WHEREAS, as of April 1, 2020, at least 856,917 confirmed cases and 42,107 deaths have been reported of COVID-19 globally; 187,347 cases within United States Mainland; 224 confirmed cases and 1 deaths in the state of Hawaii; 69 confirmed cases and 3 deaths in the Territory of Guam; 6 confirmed cases and 1 death in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and,

WHEREAS, as of even date as above, the FSM States and including the Republics of the Marshall Islands and Palau have no COVID -19 confirmed cases but have had Person Under Investigation cases that were later tested COVID -19 negative; and,

WHEREAS, whilst Palau is still a COVID-19 free country, there is a strong possibility that Palau is a high COVID-19 risk area relative to other COVID-19 free states; and,

WHEREAS, all the FSM states have shut-down their borders allowing only cargo aircrafts and vessels into their respective ports; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HENRY FALAN, in exercise of the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Yap and by virtue of the Emergency Declaration, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, pursuant to the powers vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Yap, I hereby make the following DECREE -

TO AMEND THE BAN ON PASSENGER DISEMBARKATION DECREE 2020

(1) This Decree shall be cited as the Ban on Passenger Disembarkation (Amendment) Decree 2020.

(2) The Ban on Passenger Disembarkation Decree 2020 is hereby amended by inserting the following new sections after section 7 -

7A. - (i) Notwithstanding section 7 above and subject to the provisions of this Decree, the FSM owned and State-operated vessel MVH1 (hereinafter referred to as the Vessel) and its passengers returning from State of Chuuk to the State of Yap in voyage number 03FY-2020 are exempted from the application and enforcement of this Decree.

(ii) This exemption is further extended to the Vessel and its passengers on scheduled trips and voyages to various COVID-19 free destinations within any port in the State, nation and region, so long as the COVID-19 risk level is minimal or very low in that State or port of call and there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 positive infections at such destination.

(iii) In the public interest and for the safety of the people of Yap, the Vessel is hereby prohibited and restrained from visiting or calling at any port that has already recorded a positive case of COVID-19 infection.

(v) A breach of section 7A (iii) above is a prosecutable offence, against the person or persons in charge and/or in control of the Vessel at the material time.

(3) This Amendment Decree shall come into force upon execution.

So Decreed under my hand this ^{6th}..... day of April, 2020.



HENRY FALAN
Governor of the State of Yap