



REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

Declaration of State of Emergency Order No. 34 of 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by paragraph 69(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu, I, His Excellency, TALLIS OBED MOSES, President of the Republic of Vanuatu, on the advice of the Council of Ministers, make the following Order.

1 Declaration of State of Emergency

Due to the serious outbreak of the virus COVID-19 in certain countries within the Pacific Region, a State of Emergency is declared throughout the whole of Vanuatu.

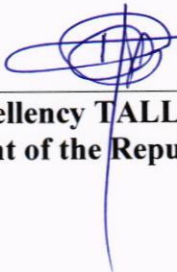
2 Period of State of Emergency

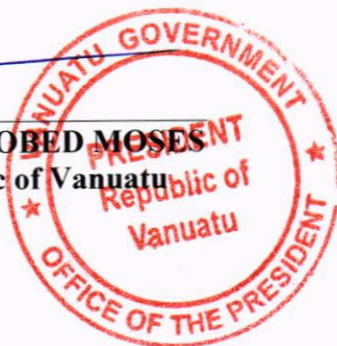
This Declaration of State of Emergency is for a period of 2 weeks from the date on which this Order commences.

3 Commencement

This Declaration of State of Emergency commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 26 day of March, 2020.


His Excellency TALLIS OBED MOSES
President of the Republic of Vanuatu





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State of Emergency Regulation Order No. 35 of 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by paragraph 69(b) of the Constitution of the Republic of Vanuatu, the COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, makes the following Order.

1 Prohibition of social gatherings

- (1) All social gatherings of more than 5 people are prohibited.
- (2) For the purposes of subclause (1), **social gatherings** means gatherings for:
 - (a) carrying out communal tasks; or
 - (b) holding competitions; or
 - (c) religious purposes; or
 - (d) traditional ceremonies; or
 - (e) sporting events; or
 - (f) casual meetings.

2 National Disaster Management Office coordination and instructions

- (1) The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) may issue directions to any Ministry, Department, Statutory Entity, State Owned Enterprise, community, company or individual:
 - (a) to prevent or control the spread of the COVID-19 in Vanuatu; or
 - (b) to assist with the recovery of Vanuatu's economy after having being impacted by COVID-19.
- (2) The Vanuatu Police Force is to ensure compliance with all directions of the NDMO and is to promote peace and ensure the safety of all persons located within Vanuatu during this period of State of Emergency.

3 Curfew on businesses

- (1) All businesses are prohibited from operating after 7:30pm.
- (2) For the purposes of subclause (1), **businesses** means any person or company that operates a business from a physical premise in Vanuatu for the purpose of making a profit but does not include fuel stations.

4 Curfew on public transportation and fuel stations

All public transportation and fuel stations in Vanuatu are prohibited from operating after 9pm.

5 Essential services

- (1) Clause 3 does not apply to essential services.
- (2) For the purposes of this clause, **essential services** means services and functions that are absolutely necessary, even during a pandemic including but not limited to medical or paramedical services, utility services, radio services, telecommunication services, television services and security services.
- (3) To avoid doubt, all retail and wholesale shops, kava bars, night clubs, casinos, bars and restaurants are not essential services.

6 Media reporting on COVID-19

All media outlets must not publish any article on COVID-19 unless it has received the authorisation of the NDMO after consultation with the World Health Organisation.

7 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 26 day of march, 2020.


Honourable **CHARLOT SALWAI TABIMASMAS**
Prime Minister
On behalf of the Council of Ministers

