



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IMMIGRATION

GOVERNMENT OF THE COOK ISLANDS

File Ref: 608/CV

16th March 2020

Marisa Newman – Air New Zealand

Ingrid Kelly – Air Rarotonga as Agent for Jetstar Airways and Virgin Airlines

Cook Islands

Kia Orana Marisa and Ingrid,

Re: Corona Virus – Travel Advisory

Please be advised that Section 9A of the Cook Islands Entry Residence and Departures Act 1971/72 is being issued that persons intending to travel to the Cook Islands having originated from or transited through any country with the exception of New Zealand and Cook Islands, 14 days prior to arrival in the Cook Islands will be denied entry into the Cook Islands.

As per section 9B (7) of the ERD Act Amendment no 21

If the officer in charge of an aircraft receives a notice that is in force under Section 9A about a passenger who is travelling or intending to travel to the Cook Islands on the Air Craft, the Officer in Charge must,-

- a) If the person has not yet boarded the aircraft, prevent the person from doing so;
- b) If the person is on board the aircraft, prevent the person from disembarking in the Cook Islands, or allow the person to disembark only in accordance with the directions of an Immigration Officer.

Persons identified as having travelled via have yet to board the Aircraft, Airlines must prevent boarding as per section 9(a) of the Act.

Should Aircrafts and vessels not act as requested above, Immigration Cook Islands will refuse entry into the Cook Islands of these passengers and they must be prevented from disembarking the Aircraft on arrival into the Cook Islands.

I draw your attention to section 9A (5) of the amendment which refers:

A notice under this section:-

- (a) Remains in force until the expiry date stated in; and

(b) Is not invalid just because some of the information about the person is incorrect or incomplete, provided the information is sufficient to accurately identify the person to whom it is intended to apply.

This notice becomes effective as at 11.59pm 16th March 2020.

Meitaki maata and thank you for your cooperation


Kairangi Samuela

Principal Immigration Officer

