

AMENDMENT TO AND EXTENSION OF SECTION 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) ORDERS

On 24 March 2020, the Prime Minister, with agreement of the Minister of Health, issued an epidemic notice under s 5 of the Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006.

The epidemic notice allows the use of special powers by the Medical Officer of Health in accordance with s 70 of the Health Act 1956 for the purpose of preventing the outbreak and spread of COVID-19.

A state of national emergency was declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002, with effect from 12:21pm 25 March 2020. It has been extended six times (on 1 April 2020, 8 April 2020, 15 April 2020, 22 April 2020, 29 April 2020 and 6 May 2020).

On 9 April 2020, I, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, Director-General of Health, acting as medical officer of health for all districts of New Zealand (that is, nationally), with the authority of the Minister of Health and/or in circumstances where a state of emergency has been declared under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and/or there being an epidemic notice in force, made an order pursuant to s 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) of the Health Act 1956 (the 9 April Order). On 21 April 2020, I amended and extended the 9 April order.

I now make two further amendments to the 9 April Order.

Extension of 9 April Order

The 9 April 2020 Order is amended by replacing “expires on 11.59pm on 22 April 2020” with “expires at 11.59pm on 22 June 2020”.

Extension to Essential Personal Movement

The 9 April 2020 Order is amended by:

- replacing, in clause 6:

“**excluded arrival** means –

- a. aircraft pilots, flight crew members, and medical attendants assisting with medical air transfers; and”

with:

“**excluded arrival** means –

- a. aircraft pilots, flight crew members, maritime crew members (immediately transferring to a vessel), and medical attendants assisting with medical air transfers; and”

Revocation of previous Orders

The amendment to and extension of section 70(1)(e), (ea) and (f) orders dated 21 April 2020 is revoked.

Period of this Order

This order has effect from 11.59pm on 11 May 2020 and expires at 11.59pm on 22 June 2020 (unless earlier revoked).

Dated 8 May 2020



Dr Ashley Bloomfield
Director-General of Health
