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## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2008

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*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 -*

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### 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 12 March and gazetted on 13 March 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These Regulations shall come into effect on 12 June 2020 and expire on 12 September 2020, unless repealed earlier.

Made at Nuku’alofa this **12<sup>th</sup>** day of **June** 2020.

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