

DIRECTIVE 9/2020

UNDER SECTION 62A INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT CHAPTER 204

1. Under the Infectious Diseases Act (Amendments) Order 2020 which took effect from 30 January 2020 and Ministry of Health media statement on 24 March 2020,
 - 1.1. Following the Ministry of Home Affairs media statement on 23 March 2020 regarding prohibition for all foreign nationals from entering Brunei Darussalam through any points of entry until such a time that will be announced at a later date, this prohibition also applies to foreign nationals entering the country for transit purposes. In the same announcement, the Ministry of Home Affairs would also like to refer to the statement which stated that special considerations are only given to matters that contribute to protecting national interests as well as for the well-being of the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam. As such, matters through Immigration control posts involving transportation companies bringing in goods into Brunei Darussalam such as basic items including food and food items, vegetables, fish and seafood, medical supplies etc. are exempted from approval process from the Department of Immigration and National Registry. Good brought into the country must comply with the laws and regulations enforced by the Department of Royal Customs and Excise as well as other regulatory agencies. Entry of workers for these transportation companies must also comply to the advice from the Ministry of Health.

- 1.2. Meanwhile, in reference to the Ministry of Home Affairs media statement on 18 March 2020 with regards to temporary prohibition of dining-in for food premises including restaurants, eateries, cafés, food court, food stalls etc. and only take-aways are allowed, under Section 62(A) Infectious Diseases Act Chapter 204, anyone who fails to comply with the directive is guilty of an offence and will be liable to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for a period of up to 6 months or both. This prohibition also includes private residences which provide restaurant service, either registered/licensed or otherwise.

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