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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with regulations 8 as read with 30G, the Director may require a person who applies for an inter-zonal permit to take a COVID-19 test where the applicant –

- (a) is travelling from a COVID-19 high risk zone or area;
- (b) returns from a COVID-19 high risk zone or area to a COVID-19 low risk zone or area; or
- (c) transits a COVID-19 high risk zone or area.

Where a person's COVID-19 test results are positive an inter-zonal permit shall not be issued.

For purposes of this Notice, "high risk zone or area" means a COVID zone or area which the Director determines has a high number of COVID-19 cases.

For the avoidance of doubt –

- (a) a person shall not undertake non-essential travel;
- (b) a person shall not travel across COVID zones without a permit;
- (c) a person may only travel across COVID zones –
 - (i) to attend a funeral of an immediate member of the family,
 - (ii) to access a farm, ranch, garden, ploughing field (*masimo*) or cattle post (*moraka*), or
 - (iii) where the person is a convener or facilitator of a meeting, workshop or conference; and
- (d) For purposes of paragraph (i), "immediate member of the family" means a spouse, son, daughter, siblings or parent.

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