

Public Health Act 1997

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 16

(Testing of Transport, Freight and Logistics workers – No. 1)

I, MARK VEITCH, the Director of Public Health, in pursuance of section 16 of the *Public Health Act 1997* ("the Act"), in order to manage the threat to public health posed by the notifiable disease known as COVID-19 ("the disease"), direct that, commencing on 24 September 2021 –

- (a) this direction applies to a person who –
 - (i) arrives in Tasmania for the purposes of transport, freight or logistics; and
 - (ii) is not required to isolate or quarantine on his or her arrival in Tasmania; and

- (b) on his or her arrival in Tasmania, a person to whom this direction applies is required to –
 - (i) provide evidence that the last test for the disease that has been performed on the person was negative for the disease; and
 - (ii) undergo a test for the disease within the 24-hour period after his or her arrival in Tasmania if –
 - (A) the test referred to in subparagraph (i) was not performed within the 7-day period before the person arrived in Tasmania; or
 - (B) the person does not provide evidence of a test as required in subparagraph (i); and

- (c) while he or she remains in Tasmania, a person to whom this direction applies is required to –
 - (i) undergo a test for the disease within each 7-day period after his or her last preceding test of the disease until –

- (A) at least 14 days have passed since he or she so arrived in Tasmania and he or she has not left Tasmania within those 14 days; and
 - (B) he or she has undergone at least 2 tests for the disease since he or she last arrived in Tasmania; and
 - (ii) carry evidence of the date of his or her last test for the disease; and
- (d) paragraph (b)(ii) does not apply to a person if the person does not leave the seaport or airport, where the person arrived in Tasmania, while the person remains in Tasmania; and
- (e) the Director of Public Health, or his or her delegate, may exempt a person, or a specified class of persons, from undergoing one or more of the clinical assessments and tests required under this direction, subject to the conditions, if any, that the Director of Public Health or his or her delegate, respectively, consider appropriate in the circumstances; and
- (f) in this direction –
- (i) **arrives in Tasmania**, in relation to a person, means that the person has entered the land within Tasmania; and
 - (ii) **test for the disease** means a nucleic acid detection test, for the genetic material of SARS-CoV-2, conducted by a laboratory with the relevant accreditation, for such a test, by the National Association of Testing Authorities.

Dated: 20 September 2021

Signed: 

Director of Public Health