

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Biosecurity Act 2015

Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020

Authority

The *Biosecurity Act 2015* (the Act) provides the primary legislative means and a regulatory framework for the Australian Government to manage the risk of pests and diseases from entering Australian territory and causing harm to animal, plant and human health, the environment and the economy. The Act manages biosecurity risks – including the risk of listed human diseases – entering Australian territory, or emerging, establishing or spreading in Australian territory.

Subsection 42(1) of the Act provides that the Director of Human Biosecurity may determine, in writing, a human disease to be a listed human disease if the disease may be communicable and may cause significant harm to human health.

Purpose

The purpose of *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 (the instrument)* is to add human coronavirus with pandemic potential to the list of human diseases in this instrument. The disease is required to be listed in the instrument to allow human biosecurity measures under Chapter 2 of the Act to be imposed, thereby allowing Australia to manage and respond to biosecurity risks to human health caused by that virus.

Background

On 5 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) notified Member States under the *International Health Regulations (2005)* (IHR) of an outbreak of pneumonia of unknown cause in Wuhan city, China. The cause of the outbreak has since been determined as a novel coronavirus.

Under the IHR, the WHO has recommended that health authorities work with travel, transport and tourism sectors to provide travellers with information to reduce the general risk of acute respiratory infections, including at points of entry and through conveyance operators.

All powers under Chapter Two of the Act require that the disease be a listed human disease for the power to apply. These powers include the ability to screen incoming passengers for signs and symptoms of a listed human disease, the ability to impose Human Biosecurity Control Orders on those who are suspected or confirmed as having a listed human disease and implementing further risk mitigation measures.

To enable compliance with the WHO's recommendations, and to implement additional border measures under the Act, it is necessary for human coronavirus with pandemic potential to be determined as a listed human disease. The inclusion of human coronavirus with pandemic potential enables application of border measures under the Act in order to manage this or other emerging coronaviruses and their potential for human to human transmission.

Consultation

Subsection 42(2) of the Act requires that before making a determination under section 42, the Director of Human Biosecurity must consult with the chief health officer (however described) for each State and Territory and the Director of Biosecurity.

The Director of Human Biosecurity consulted the States and Territories and the Director of Biosecurity. The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee and the Communicable Diseases Network Australia, comprising Chief Health Officers and communicable disease experts across state and territory governments, met via teleconference on 20 January 2020, and endorsed the addition of

human coronavirus with pandemic potential as a listed human disease.

The Director of Biosecurity, Mr Daryl Quinlivan, was also consulted in regards to the determination and on 21 January 2020 confirmed his support of the amendment.

The instrument commences on the day it is registered.

The instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

A provision by provision description of the instrument is contained in Attachment 1.

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ATTACHMENT 1**Provision by provision description of the *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020*****1. Name**

Section 1 provides that the name of the instrument is *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020*.

2. Commencement

Section 2 provides that this legislative instrument commences on the day it is registered.

3. Authority

Section 3 specifies that this instrument is made under subsection 42(1) of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

4. Schedules

Section 4 provides that instruments included in the schedule to this instrument are amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the schedule.

Schedule 1 – Amendments

Item 1 of Schedule 1 provides that section 4 of the *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Determination 2016*, which is the list of Listed Human Diseases, is amended to include 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' in that list.

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Statement of Compatibility with Human Rights

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020

This legislative instrument is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*.

Overview of the Legislative Instrument

The *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020* adds 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' as a listed human disease, and therefore enables the application of a range of measures under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

Human rights implications

This legislative instrument engages and is consistent with Article 12(1) of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by assisting with the progressive realisation by all appropriate means of the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

This instrument provides the means of protecting public health in Australia through enabling the application of human biosecurity measures to manage the risk of human coronavirus with pandemic potential entering Australian territory, or emerging, establishing, or spreading in Australian territory or a part of Australian territory.

Conclusion

This legislative instrument is compatible with human rights because it promotes the human right to an adequate standard of living and the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.

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Attachments: FINAL ES - human coronavirus with pandemic potential january 2020.docx

Hi s47E(c), s47F

Brendan has cleared with minor amendments.

Thanks

Kind regards,

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Attachments: nCoV_Wuhan_TIC process with emergency flow_Update version 15_Jan 2020.PUB; nCoV_Wuhan_Traveller with Illness Checklist_update version 15_January 2020_CHBO consultation.docx
Importance: High

Good evening CHBOs

Following the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) meeting this evening, please note the below update on the Wuhan coronavirus situation, including action requested in relation to the revised TIC.

Addition of Novel Coronavirus as Listed Human Disease

Following support at CDNA and AHPPC today, an amendment to the *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Determination 2016* has been drafted to add 'human coronavirus with pandemic potential' as a Listed Human Disease. This amendment is expected to come into effect on Tuesday 21 January or Wednesday 22 January 2020, and will enable the TIC to be modified to better assess the risk from this novel coronavirus.

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The Department of Health has drafted changes to the TIC to screen ill travellers for 2019-nCoV.

Consistent with the agreed template discussed as part of the TIC digitisation project, a new emergency question has been added at the start of the TIC to screen for travellers with fever who have recently visited Wuhan, China (see attached draft TIC).

Any traveller presenting with fever, sweats or chills will be asked if they have visited Wuhan, Hubei Province China in the past 2 weeks prior to the other TIC questions. A 'Yes' to this question will immediately trigger a Human Biosecurity Officer (HBO) to be contacted (fever + recent travel to Wuhan, China). If the travellers answers 'No' to this question, the Biosecurity Officer will continue administering the TIC as per usual processes. Due to the current non-specificity of symptoms from nCoV, no other symptoms questions are being asked. We welcome comments on this approach.

At this stage, the additional question focusses on recent travel to Wuhan as officially reported cases have all had an association with Wuhan. There is potential to expand this question to other regions if needed. However, without additional symptom or exposure questions, there may be an increase in the numbers of ill travellers directed to HBOs for further assessment.

The draft changes to the TIC also incorporate previously endorsed changes for the eTIC, including collecting additional travel and symptom onset data before a HBO is contacted (questions 20 and 21), and simplifying the questions asked in Step 3.1.

New directions and questions have been highlighted for your reference. We have also attached the flow of the questions to assist with understanding when HBOs will be contacted.

Due to the requirement to roll out a revised TIC quickly, the Department of Health is seeking your **ENDORSEMENT** of the proposed changes in the attached by 2pm ADST, 21 January 2020. We will assume endorsement if no response is received by the due date.

Travel Communications

Electronic signage and banners on this new coronavirus are in development and will be issued to first points of entry in the coming days.

Thank you,

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Subject: Extraordinary CDNA and AHPPC Teleconferences for Wuhan Coronavirus Outbreak [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning CHBOs

Please be advised that due to the number of reported cases of coronavirus out of China increasing, a CDNA teleconference will be held at **12:00pm** ADST and an AHPPC teleconference will be held at **5:30pm** ADST **today** to discuss Australia's preparedness and response. This will include consideration of determining the novel coronavirus as a Listed Human Disease, and potential border measures.

We will keep you informed as the situation progresses, and encourage you to remain in contact with your CDNA representative and CHO (if that person is not you).

Kind regards

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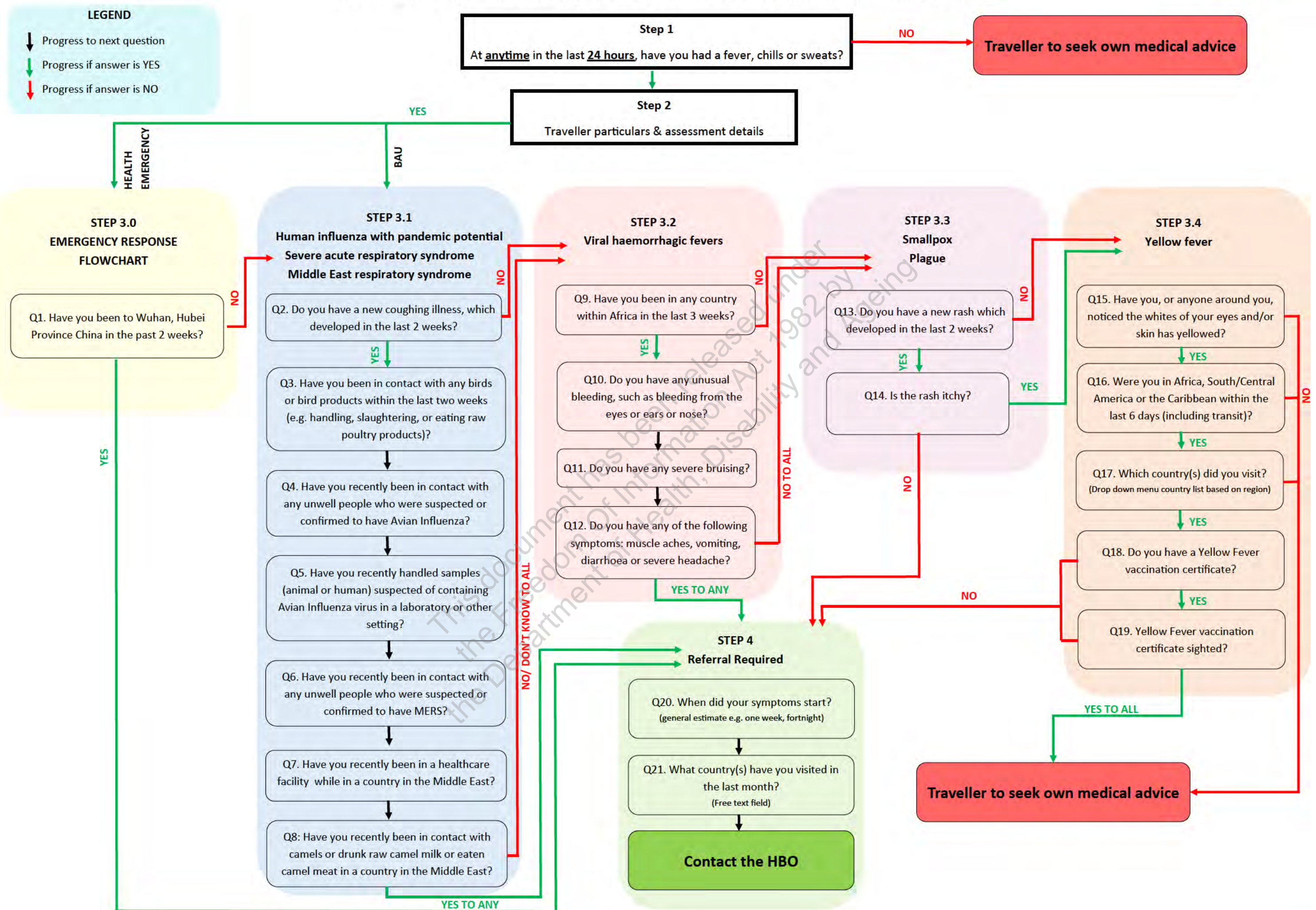
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Traveller with Illness Checklist

Air and Sea Travellers

Step 1: Determine if the person has had a fever, chills or sweats

Ask the ill traveller...

At any time in the last 24 hours have you had a fever, chills or sweats?	☐ Yes
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If **NO** or **DO NOT KNOW** advise the traveller to seek their own medical advice.

If **YES**, continue to **STEP 2**

UPDATE January 2020: Additional screening questions have been added (Question 1 - Step 3.0 and Questions 20 & 21 – Step 4.0). Please ensure they are completed prior to contacting a Human Biosecurity Officer.

When assessing an ill traveller on an aircraft, the following aircraft door policy applies

DAWR Policy update as of 23 August 2018:

‘During the biosecurity assessment of an ill traveller on board an aircraft, the aircraft door must be in the closed (but not latched/locked) position’.

During the assessment of the ill traveller on board the aircraft, under Section 48 of the Biosecurity Act, the aircraft has not yet been granted pratique and it is a legislative requirement that the **operator of the aircraft ensures** that individuals **do not** disembark unless permission to do so is given by the attending biosecurity officer or human biosecurity officer.

Failure to do so may result in non-compliance action against the operator of the airline, *which may include a civil penalty of 120 penalty units.*

This policy update is to provide consistency to:

- operational staff
- airline operators, and
- prevent individuals from disembarking the aircraft prior to pratique being granted.

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Step 2: Collect information

Assessment details	
Name of airport/seaport:	
Date of assessment:	
Was the assessment conducted:	☐ Face to face ☐ Over the phone (vessels only)
Name Biosecurity officer(s):	
Department of Agriculture was notified of an ill traveller by:	☐ the Airline/Vessel Master prior to disembarkation from the vessel Name of Airline/ Vessel Master: _____ ☐ Australian Border Force ☐ Other If other, please specify: _____ Was non-compliance action against airline/vessel recorded? NB: a Non-Compliance Report Notification Form should be completed, where applicable ☐ Yes ☐ No
What symptoms or information were provided with notification?	
Was a HBO/CHBO contacted?	☐ Yes Provide details at Step 4, page 7. ☐ No No details required.

III Traveller's personal particulars:

Name (first name and surname)	
Gender	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Indeterminate/intersex/unspecified
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)	
Nationality	
Flight Number / Vessel Name	
Origin of flight/voyage	
Contact address in Australia	
Contact number in Australia	
Final destination in Australia	

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Email address	
Step 3.0: Additional screening questions	

Ask the ill traveller...	Tick as appropriate	
1) Have you been to Wuhan, Hubei Province China in the past 2 weeks?	☐ Yes ➤ Action Required: See Below	☐ No ➤ Go to STEP 3.1

If YES to Question 1:

- Immediately proceed to **Question 20, STEP 4; AND**
- Contact a Human Biosecurity Officer.

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Step 3.1: Establish if there are other symptoms

Please complete the entire checklist in full. All questions (as indicated) must be asked of the ill traveller and recorded.

Step 3.1: Cough

Ask the ill traveller...	Tick as appropriate		
2) Do you have a new coughing illness, which developed in the last 2 weeks?	☐ Yes ➤ Ask Questions 3 to 8	☐ No ➤ Go to STEP 3.2	
3) Have you been in contact with any birds or bird products within the last two weeks (e.g. handling, slaughtering or eating raw poultry products)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Do not know
4) Have you recently been in contact with any unwell people who were suspected or confirmed to have Avian Influenza?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Do not know
5) Have you recently handled samples (animal or human) suspected of containing Avian Influenza virus in a laboratory or other setting?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Do not know
6) Have you recently been in contact with any unwell people who were suspected or confirmed to have MERS?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Do not know
7) Have you recently been in a healthcare facility while in a country in the Middle East?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Do not know
8) Have you recently been in contact with camels or drunk raw camel milk or eaten camel meat in a country in the Middle East?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Do not know

If YES to Questions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 immediately proceed to **Question 20, STEP 4** AND contact a Human Biosecurity Officer;

OR

If NO or DO NOT KNOW to all of the above continue to **STEP 3.2**.

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Step 3.2: Bleeding and bruising

Ask the ill traveller....	Tick as appropriate	
9) Have you been in any country within Africa* in the last 3 weeks?	☐ Yes Ask Questions 10 to 12	☐ No ➤ Go to STEP 3.3

* Not including Egypt

Ask the ill traveller....	Tick as appropriate	
10) Do you have any unusual bleeding, such as bleeding from the eyes or ears or nose?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11) Do you have any severe bruising?	☐ Yes	☐ No
12) Do you have any of the following symptoms: muscle aches, vomiting, diarrhoea or severe headache?	☐ Yes	☐ No

If YES to any of Question 10 or 11 or 12, immediately proceed to **Question 20, STEP 4 AND** contact a Human Biosecurity Officer;

OR

If NO to Question 10 and 11 and 12 continue to **STEP 3.3.**

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Step 3.3: Rash

Ask the ill traveller...	Tick as appropriate	
13) Do you have a new rash which developed in the last 2 weeks?	☐ Yes ➤ Go to Question 14	☐ No ➤ Go to STEP 3.4
14) Is the rash itchy?	☐ Yes ➤ Go to STEP 3.4	☐ No ➤ Action Required: See Below

If NO to Question 14:

- Immediately proceed to **Question 20**, STEP 4; AND
- Contact a Human Biosecurity Officer.

Step 3.4: Yellow eyes and/or skin

Ask the ill traveller...	Tick as appropriate	
15) Have you, or anyone around you, noticed the whites of your eyes and/or skin has yellowed?	☐ Yes ➤ Go to Question 16	☐ No ➤ Advise person to seek own medical advice
16) Were you in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean within the last 6 days (including transit)?	☐ Yes ➤ Go to Question 17	☐ No ➤ Advise person to seek own medical advice

17) Which country(s) did you visit?

South or Central America/Caribbean	Africa	
☐ Argentina (Misiones province only)	☐ Angola	☐ Guinea
☐ Bolivia	☐ Benin	☐ Guinea-Bissau
☐ Brazil	☐ Burkina Faso	☐ Kenya
☐ Colombia	☐ Burundi	☐ Liberia
☐ Ecuador (excluding the Galapagos Islands)	☐ Cameroon	☐ Mali
☐ French Guiana	☐ Central African Republic	☐ Mauritania
☐ Guyana	☐ Chad	☐ Niger
☐ Panama	☐ Congo, Democratic Republic of the	☐ Nigeria

☐ Paraguay	☐ Congo, Republic of the	☐ Rwanda
☐ Peru	☐ Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	☐ Senegal
☐ Suriname	☐ Equatorial Guinea	☐ Sierra Leone
☐ Trinidad	☐ Ethiopia	☐ South Sudan
☐ Venezuela	☐ Gabon	☐ Sudan
	☐ Gambia	☐ Togo
	☐ Ghana	☐ Uganda
☐ None of the countries listed above	☐ None of the countries listed above	

If **NONE** of the countries listed above, advise the person to seek their own medical advice.

Otherwise if a country(s) is selected from the above, **proceed to Question 18.**

	Tick as appropriate		
18) Do you have a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate?	☐ Yes ➤ Go to Question 19	☐ No	☐ Do not know

If **NO** or **DO NOT KNOW** to Question 18 immediately proceed to **Question 20, STEP 4** and contact a Human Biosecurity Officer.

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<u>Through observation...</u>	Tick as appropriate	
19) Yellow Fever vaccination certificate sighted?	☐ Yes Advise ill traveller to seek own medical advice	☐ No

If **NO** to Question 19, complete **Question 20, STEP 4** and immediately contact a Human Biosecurity Officer.

Step 4: HBO/ CHBO Contact Summary

To be completed in circumstances where a Human Biosecurity Officer (including the Chief Human Biosecurity Officer) is contacted regarding the ill traveller.

Ask the ill traveller...	Tick as appropriate
Q20) When did your symptoms start?	☐ less than one week ago ☐ one to two weeks ago ☐ more than two weeks ago Go to Question 21.
Q21) What countries have you visited in the last month?	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Proceed to contacting a Human Biosecurity Officer and complete Section 1 - 3 below.

SECTION 1

(C)HBO Name:			
State / Territory:			
Time contacted:		Time advice received:	
Advice provided:			
☐ Traveller to seek own medical advice. No Further information required ☐ Other (please specify) _____			
☐ Further assessment required. ➤ Complete Section 2 & 3			

SECTION 2

Please complete the record of communications made during the administration of the Checklist.

CONTACT LOG		
Person contacted	Date and time	Purpose

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SECTION 3

☐ (C)HBO detailed in Section 1 advised that: <i>"Duty of care for this traveller has been transferred to you as the relevant Human Biosecurity Officer"</i>
☐ Traveller transferred by ambulance to _____ (name of hospital)
☐ Traveller subject to a Human Biosecurity Control Order (HBCO) HBCO reference:
Traveller referred to (please tick appropriate): ☐ Hospital ☐ GP ☐ Other
☐ Traveller provided with a Yellow Fever Action Card
☐ Other - please specify _____

Once the TIC is completed, scan and e-mail to humanbiosecurity@health.gov.au. Please ensure all pages are scanned.

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I think if BOs are asked to complete a TIC for anyone on one of the direct flights from Wuhan, they can tick this box without the need to ask the question.

Also a heads up - looks like the CMO is going to be doing a press conference at 0930 tomorrow on this novel Coronavirus and the Govt response....

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Hi s47E(c), s47F

We will review and get back to you tomorrow.

Re the additional question around “have you been to Wuhan”, for passengers on flights from Wuhan will it be acceptable for the biosecurity officer to note ‘yes’, or do they actually have to ask the question? (given someone will surely ask!)

Thanks

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FYI - in confidence. We keep you posted on the outcome.

If you have a chance it might also be worth agriculture checking over TIC v15 to ensure we have not missed anything obvious.

Can we also please flag the pending electronic banners with odette. If not possible to have the current measles outbreak banners and new coronavirus banners up concurrently, new coronavirus should take priority.

Thanks

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Any traveller presenting with fever, sweats or chills will be asked if they have visited Wuhan, Hubei Province China in the past 2 weeks prior to the other TIC questions. A 'Yes' to this question will immediately trigger a Human Biosecurity Officer (HBO) to be contacted (fever + recent travel to Wuhan, China). If the travellers answers 'No' to this question, the Biosecurity Officer will continue administering the TIC as per usual processes. Due to the current non-specificity of symptoms from nCoV, no other symptoms questions are being asked. We welcome comments on this approach.

At this stage, the additional question focusses on recent travel to Wuhan as officially reported cases have all had an association with Wuhan. There is potential to expand this question to other regions if needed. However, without additional symptom or exposure questions, there may be an increase in the numbers of ill travellers directed to HBOs for further assessment.

The draft changes to the TIC also incorporate previously endorsed changes for the eTIC, including collecting additional travel and symptom onset data before a HBO is contacted (questions 20 and 21), and simplifying the questions asked in Step 3.1.

New directions and questions have been highlighted for your reference. We have also attached the flow of the questions to assist with understanding when HBOs will be contacted.

Due to the requirement to roll out a revised TIC quickly, the Department of Health is seeking your **ENDORSEMENT** of the proposed changes in the attached by 2pm ADST, 21 January 2020. We will assume endorsement if no response is received by the due date.

Travel Communications

Electronic signage and banners on this new coronavirus are in development and will be issued to first points of entry in the coming days.

Thank you,

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Subject: Extraordinary CDNA and AHPPC Teleconferences for Wuhan Coronavirus Outbreak [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning CHBOs

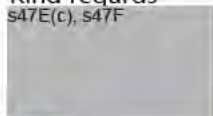
Please be advised that due to the number of reported cases of coronavirus out of China increasing, a CDNA teleconference will be held at **12:00pm** ADST and an AHPPC teleconference will be held at **5:30pm** ADST **today** to

discuss Australia's preparedness and response. This will include consideration of determining the novel coronavirus as a Listed Human Disease, and potential border measures.

We will keep you informed as the situation progresses, and encourage you to remain in contact with your CDNA representative and CHO (if that person is not you).

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: FOR CLEARANCE: AHPPC re Wuhan : border talking points [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Please redraft to lead with the TIC issue.

Eg

- TIC is our predominant screening tool at the border, currently very specific for MER and SARS.
- Need to change TIC as it may not pick this up. Therefore needs to be an LHD
- Pre-arrival reporting and Health pratique powers also rely on LHD.
- Discussed with CDNA – recommend broader addition to TIC of 'Coronavirus with pandemic potential' – future proof against other emerging coronaviruses
- There is an LHD decision criteria, An LHD must be a communicable disease. In addition, LHDs are generally diseases that have the potential to overwhelm a state/territory and may require national coordination, or diseases that can be identified through border measures.
- Meets the above noting still unknown aspects of this particular virus.
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Subject: FOR CLEARANCE: AHPPC re Wuhan : border talking points [SEC=OFFICIAL]

As discussed:

- A disease must be a Listed Human Disease (LHD) under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* for border measures, including screening and isolation of travellers, to be implemented.
- The novel coronavirus is not currently an LHD. MERS and SARS are both LHDs.
- It is a simple legislative process to make it an LHD. The Director of Human Biosecurity (DHB) must consult with CHOs and the Director of Biosecurity (Secretary of the Department of Agriculture).
 - AHPPC can endorse the coronavirus as an LHD at this teleconference, if considered necessary.
- An LHD must be a communicable disease. In addition, LHDs are generally diseases that have the potential to overwhelm a state/territory and may require national coordination, or diseases that can be identified through border measures.
- If agreed by AHPPC, the Commonwealth will progress the necessary paperwork and the coronavirus will be an LHD within 24 hours.

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Attachments: Compilation(s) required because of amendment - Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s47E(c), s47F

Thank you for advising the amendment determination is now registered.

Can we please request that OPC please prepare and publish the compilation on our behalf.

Thank you

Kind regards

s47E(c), s47F

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Subject: RE: Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 for Registration [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi all

Please note that the amendment determination is now registered:
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2020L00037>

OPC have requested that a compilation be prepared for the principal instrument (*Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Determination 2016*) to include the updated list of diseases. You have the option of preparing this compilation in-house or requesting OPC to prepare and publish it for a fee.

An invoice from OPC for the payment of urgent registration fees for today should be workflowed to Mandi in the coming days.

Thank you

s47E(c), s47F

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Subject: RE: Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 for Registration [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s47E(c), s47F

Please find the requested documents attached;

Completed Registration Request Spreadsheet

1. WORD version of the signed instrument
2. Scanned (PDF) version of explanatory statement approved by Professor Brendan Murphy (word version attached to email verifying CMO cleared)
3. WORD version of explanatory statement approved by Professor Brendan Murphy

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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Subject: RE: Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 for Registration [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks s47E(c), s47F

Can you please complete the attached registration spreadsheet and return it along the following documents:

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2. Scanned (PDF) version of explanatory statement approved by Professor Brendan Murphy
3. WORD version of explanatory statement approved by Professor Brendan Murphy

Kind regards

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Subject: Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020 for Registration [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning

Please find the **attached** *Biosecurity (Listed Human Diseases) Amendment Determination 2020* executed by the Director of Human Biosecurity, Professor Brendan Murphy, for registration.

Please contact s47E(c), s47F at s47E(c), s47F <[s47E\(c\), s47F@health.gov.au](mailto:s47E(c), s47F@health.gov.au)> with any questions.

Kind regards

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