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COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020 (ACT 14 OF 2020)

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 16) REGULATIONS 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) (Amendment No. 16) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 19 August 2021.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 254/2020) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “business”, the following definitions:

““business event” and “major business event” have the meanings given by regulation 3(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 278/2021);”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “customer”, the following definition:

““defined activity” means an activity for the purpose of —

(a) consuming food and drinks;

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- (b) receiving any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one's mask in order to receive the service; or
 - (c) engaging in any sporting activity as follows, in an indoor physical recreational facility and in the course of receiving an authorised service consisting of providing lessons or coaching in, or for participation in, that sporting activity:
 - (i) any high-intensity physical exercise;
 - (ii) another sporting activity or physical recreational activity without wearing a mask;";
 - (c) by deleting the definition of "major business event";
 - (d) by deleting the word "Major" in paragraph (d) of the definition of "other Control Order Regulations"; and
 - (e) by deleting the definitions of "specified symptom" and "symptomatic case".

Amendment of regulation 3B

3. Regulation 3B of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the word "major" in paragraph (e)(iii).

Amendment of regulation 10AA

4. Regulation 10AA(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b); and
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(d) to refuse entry to the room or place of any individual who refuses to comply with any measure mentioned in sub-paragraph (c);”.

Amendment of regulation 10A

5. Regulation 10A(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “16” and substituting “10”.

Amendment of regulation 10B

6. Regulation 10B(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b);

(b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(d) refuse entry to the permitted premises of any individual who refuses to comply with any measure mentioned in sub-paragraph (c);”;

(c) by deleting the words “for a specified symptom” in sub-paragraph (f); and

(d) by deleting “6(1)(c)” in sub-paragraph (n) and substituting “6(1)”.

Amendment of regulation 13

7. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “major” in paragraph (1)(f); and

(b) by deleting the words “regulations 10B(1)(b), (c)” in paragraph (2)(b) and substituting the words “regulations 10B(1)(c)”.

Amendment of regulation 13D

8. Regulation 13D(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “any of the” and substituting the words “more than 50% of the”.

Amendment of regulation 13E

9. Regulation 13E of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “within the permitted premises” in paragraph (1)(aa), the words “unless allowed under regulation 13F”;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (c), (d), (e) and (f) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

- “(c) refuse entry to the permitted premises of any permitted enterprise worker whom the permitted enterprise knows or has reason to believe is subject to a movement control order;

- (d) as far as is reasonably practicable, ensure that there is a distance of at least one metre between any 2 individuals in the permitted premises, even when at work in any part of the permitted premises that —

- (i) is a retail food and drinks establishment (such as a canteen), an indoor recreational facility, or premises at which is provided any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one’s mask in order to receive the service; and

- (ii) is ordinarily provided by or on behalf of the permitted enterprise solely for use by permitted enterprise workers of the permitted enterprise who are employees of the permitted enterprise or who regularly deliver goods or perform services connected

to the business, undertaking or work of the permitted enterprise;” and

- (c) by deleting the words “not disallowed under regulation 13F” in paragraph (2)(a)(iv) and substituting the words “held in accordance with regulation 13F or any other Control Order on those premises”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 13F

10. Regulation 13F of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Social events by permitted enterprises or permitted enterprise workers

13F.—(1) A permitted enterprise must not —

- (a) cause an event involving an organised gathering in person of its permitted enterprise workers to take place in any room or place on its permitted premises or elsewhere; or
- (b) allow a gathering in person of its permitted enterprise workers to take place in any room or place on its permitted premises,

for an occasion or a purpose that is wholly recreational or social in character unless the permitted enterprise takes all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the requirements in paragraph (2) and paragraphs (3) and (4), where applicable, are met.

(2) For a gathering mentioned in paragraph (1) in a room or place within the permitted premises of a permitted enterprise or elsewhere, the requirements are as follows:

- (a) not more than 5 individuals (called in this regulation a participant), some or all of whom are permitted enterprise workers, may be present in connection with the gathering in the room or place;
- (b) the following must not be engaged in or provided by any one in the room or place where the event takes place or is to take place:

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- (i) singing;
 - (ii) playing of a wind musical instrument;
 - (c) no verbal exhortations of goodwill or honour or about any other matter (whether or not auspicious or propitious), accompanied by a ritual (like toasting) in which a drink or any food is offered, taken or handled, are made during the gathering;
 - (d) every participant of that gathering may but need not have a cleared status.

(3) However, where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in during the gathering mentioned in paragraph (1) in a room or place within the permitted premises of a permitted enterprise, the following additional requirements must be met:

- (a) there is a distance of at least one metre between any participant of the gathering and any other participant of the gathering or other individual in the same room or place;
- (b) where any food or drink is or is to be consumed in the room or place in connection with the gathering —
 - (i) the food or drink must not be served or consumed in the room or place when a live performance takes place in the room or place;
 - (ii) the food or drink must be served in connection with the event only in individual servings, and in no other way;
 - (iii) the food or drink must be consumed in connection with the event only when all participants are and remain seated; and
 - (iv) any music, lecture, talk or address or any other content (whether or not pre-recorded) must not be played or provided in a manner which is likely to be audible to individuals in or around the room or place, when the food or drink is

being served or consumed in the room or place in connection with the gathering.

(4) In addition to paragraph (3), where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in during the gathering mentioned in paragraph (1) in a room or place within the permitted premises of a permitted enterprise, and any participant of the gathering —

- (a) is not a permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise concerned; or
- (b) is a permitted enterprise worker who does not regularly deliver goods or perform services connected to the business, undertaking or work of the permitted enterprise,

then despite anything in paragraph (2)(d), every participant of that gathering must have a cleared status, or there must not be more than one uncleared junior among the participants of the gathering if not from the same household.

(5) To avoid doubt, paragraph (2) and paragraphs (3) and (4), where applicable, apply in respect of a gathering mentioned in paragraph (1) that takes place or is to take place in a room or place which is or is within any permitted premises of the permitted enterprise concerned that —

- (a) is —
 - (i) a retail food and drinks establishment, such as a canteen;
 - (ii) an indoor recreational facility; or
 - (iii) premises at which is provided any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one's mask in order to receive the service; and
- (b) is ordinarily provided (apart from the gathering) by or on behalf of the permitted enterprise solely for use by permitted enterprise workers of the permitted enterprise —

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- (i) who are employees of the permitted enterprise;
or
 - (ii) who regularly deliver goods or perform services connected to the business, undertaking or work of the permitted enterprise,

in addition to any requirements in regulations 10B and 13E and the First Schedule, except that paragraph 2(a) of Part 3 and paragraph 1(1)(a) or 4(a) (as the case may be) of Part 4 of the First Schedule are disapplied.”.

Amendment of regulation 13H

11. Regulation 13H of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (1) and (1A).

Amendment of Part 5 of First Schedule

12. Part 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 2(2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) every permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise who is at work as a teacher or supervisor or an instructor conducting any of those lessons or coaching without wearing a mask;”;

- (b) by deleting “10” in paragraphs 2(4)(a)(i)(A) and (B) and 2A(1)(b) and substituting in each case “20”;
- (c) by deleting “26” in the *Illustration* in paragraph 2(4) and substituting “36”;
- (d) by deleting “10” wherever it appears in the *Illustration* in paragraph 2(4) and substituting in each case “20”; and
- (e) by deleting paragraph 5.

Amendment of Second Schedule

13.—(1) Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

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- (a) by deleting the words “symptomatic cases or are otherwise” in paragraph 10; and
 - (b) by deleting the words “who is a symptomatic case or infected with COVID-19 must, without delay after he or she is known to be one” in paragraph 11 and substituting the words “must, without delay after he or she is known to be infected with COVID-19”.
- (2) Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “symptomatic cases or are otherwise” in paragraph 5(a); and
 - (b) by deleting the words “who is a symptomatic case or infected with COVID-19 must, without delay after he or she is known to be one” in paragraph 6 and substituting the words “must, without delay after he or she is known to be infected with COVID-19”.

Amendment of Third Schedule

14. The Third Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting “498” in paragraph (a)(i) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 1 and substituting “998”;
- (b) by deleting “30” in paragraph (a)(i) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 10 and substituting “50”;
- (c) by deleting “30” in paragraph (a) in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 10A and substituting “50”; and
- (d) by deleting item 11.

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