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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT
(CHAPTER 137)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
(COVID-19 — STAY ORDERS)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Infectious Diseases Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 — Stay Orders) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 6 May 2021.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 — Stay Orders) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 182/2020) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “at-risk individual”, the following definition:

““antigen rapid test” or “ART” means an antigen rapid test carried out in Singapore in relation to an individual, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in that individual;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “at-risk individual”, the following definition:

““authorised accommodation worker” means an individual who is —

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- (a) deployed at work in a place of accommodation providing any sleeping facilities and residential accommodation in the course of any business; and
 - (b) authorised by a specified person to exercise a power under these Regulations;”;
 - (c) by deleting the words “COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test” in the definition of “PCR test” and substituting the words “polymerase chain reaction test carried out in Singapore in relation to an individual, the purpose of which is to test for the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in that individual”;
 - (d) by deleting the definition of “place of accommodation” and substituting the following definition:
 - ““place of accommodation”, for an individual, means —
 - (a) a house or flat in Singapore that is the individual’s home in Singapore;
 - (b) any other premises in Singapore that the individual is ordinarily resident at when in Singapore (such as a room in a student hostel); or
 - (c) a room, or a partitioned-off space for sleeping, that is in a hotel, hostel, guesthouse, serviced apartment or dormitory or in any other premises in Singapore that provides sleeping facilities and residential accommodation, whether or not other accommodation is also provided;”;

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- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “relevant medical certificate”, the following definition:

““respiratory specimen” includes human biological tissue, saliva or mucus;” and

- (f) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, where an individual undergoes —

- (a) a test or tests consisting of PCR test or tests only;
- (b) an ART or 2 or more antigen rapid tests only; or
- (c) a series of tests consisting of PCR tests and antigen rapid tests,

the individual’s test result is treated as negative for SARS-CoV-2 under the same conditions as described in regulation 8(1), (2) or (3) (as the case may be) of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021).”.

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “to a place” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “directly to one or more places”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “by a specified person” in paragraph (1), the words “or an authorised accommodation worker”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “and not leave the place” in paragraph (1), the words “or places (as the case may be)”;

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- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “at 11.59 p.m.” in paragraph (1)(a), the words “but before 6 May 2021”;
- (e) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:
- “(aa) if the individual is a traveller entering Singapore, on or after 6 May 2021 — for the period starting upon the issue of the order and ending —
- (i) on (and including) either the 7th day, 14th day or 21st day after the date the order was issued, as specified in the order; or
- (ii) on (and including) the day that the individual is notified that he or she tests negative for SARS-CoV-2 after undergoing any ART or PCR test on a respiratory specimen last taken from the individual before the end of the period specified under sub-paragraph (i),
- whichever ends later; or”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the words “A specified person” in paragraph (1A), the words “or an authorised accommodation worker”;
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the words “paragraph (1)(a)” in paragraph (1A), “, (aa)”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the words “the specified person” in paragraph (1A)(a) and (c), the words “or authorised accommodation worker (as the case may be)”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the words “tested negative” in paragraph (2)(a), the words “for SARS-CoV-2”; and

(j) by inserting, immediately after the words “the Director” in paragraph (4)(b), the words “or another specified person”.

New regulation 5

4. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 4, the following regulation:

“Cancellation of stay order

5.—(1) The Director or another specified person may at any time cancel any order given to or in relation to an individual under regulation 3(1) before the order ceases to have effect under that regulation.

(2) However, the cessation of an order given to or in relation to an individual under regulation 3(1) having effect (whether or not by cancellation under this regulation) does not prevent another order being made and given by a specified person if the specified person is satisfied that the circumstances warrant it under regulation 3(1).”.

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