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### INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT 1976

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES (COVID-19 ACCESS RESTRICTIONS AND CLEARANCE) (AMENDMENT NO. 9) REGULATIONS 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73(1) of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations 2022 and come into operation on 26 April 2022.

#### **Amendment of regulation 2**

2. In regulation 2(1) of the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) —

- (a) after the definition of “primary vaccination”, insert —
  - ““private social event” has the meaning given by Part 2 of the Second Schedule;”;
- (b) delete the definitions of “relevant retail shopping centre”, “retail business” and “retail shop”; and
- (c) in the definition of “wedding”, delete “, being a marriage in respect of which no organised gathering has earlier taken place in connection with the celebration of that marriage”.

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**Amendment of regulation 3****3.** In regulation 3 of the principal Regulations —

- (a) in paragraph (1), replace “, (3) and (3A)” with “and (3)”;  
and
- (b) delete paragraph (3A).

**Amendment of regulation 13****4.** In regulation 13 of the principal Regulations —

- (a) in paragraph (1)(b)(ii), replace the semi-colon at the end with a full-stop;
- (b) in paragraph (1), delete sub-paragraph (c);
- (c) in paragraph (2)(a)(ii), delete “or” at the end;
- (d) in paragraph (2)(a), after sub-paragraph (ii), insert —
  - “(iii) to seek a contract of employment or contract for service with the occupier of the restricted place;
  - (iv) to deliver goods or provide services connected to the business, undertaking or work of the occupier carried on at the restricted place;
  - (v) to work as a contractor or an employee for or with the occupier of the restricted place either in connection with the business, undertaking or work of the occupier carried on at the restricted place or to provide services in connection with the conduct of a live performance, sporting event, business event or private social event (as the case may be) taking place in the restricted place;”;
- (e) after paragraph (2), insert —

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“(3) In addition to paragraphs (1) and (2), where a restricted place is used for a live performance, sporting event or business event, regulations 9 and 10 do not apply to or in relation to an entrant to the restricted place during a restricted period of the restricted place if the entrant enters or remains in the restricted place —

- (a) where the restricted place is used for a nuptial event, solely as a celebrant by whom the marriage is or is to be solemnized at the nuptial event;
- (b) where the restricted place is used for a sporting event, solely as —
  - (i) an athlete or a contestant taking part or competing in a sporting activity at the sporting event that is a spectator sporting event;
  - (ii) an associate of an athlete or a contestant mentioned in sub-paragraph (i);
  - (iii) an official officiating at the sporting event; or
  - (iv) an umpire or a referee umpiring or refereeing the sporting activity played or engaged in at the sporting event;
- (c) where the restricted place is used to stage a live performance, solely as a performer in the live performance or as crew;

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- (d) where the restricted place is used for a business event, solely as an individual whose duty is to regulate the interval between meetings, exhibitions or displays at the business event.

*Examples of entrants excused from cleared status requirement*

Staff deployed by the organiser of a science and technology conference to register delegates, usher delegates to allocated segregation zones or seats, or act as a safe distancing ambassador at the conference.

An official event photographer contracted by the organiser of an office furniture trade show to capture on film the opening ceremony of the trade show.

*Examples of entrants not excused from cleared status requirement*

A journalist attending a professional competition soccer match to report on the match, even though the journalist may be invited to a media conference organised by the soccer team managers to interview the players at a media conference.

A sales director of a trade show organiser who engages with exhibitors who purchased from the organiser display space during the trade show, to provide customer support to exhibitors.

The best man at a nuptial event who doubles up as one of the photographers at the nuptial event proceedings.

(4) In this regulation —

“associate”, in relation to any athlete or contestant taking part or competing in any sporting activity, means an individual who, in one or more of the following capacities, works with or treats one or more such athletes or contestants participating in, preparing for or competing in, the sporting activity:

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- (a) an individual who supervises the training or instruction of an athlete or a contestant or who accompanies an athlete or a contestant into or onto the reserved playing area to give advice or assistance during a sporting competition (called in this regulation a coach or trainer);
  - (b) an individual who undertakes to represent the interests of an athlete or a contestant in procuring the engagement of the athlete or contestant as a participant or contestant in a sporting competition, or who directs or controls the sporting activities of any athlete or contestant, such as a manager;
  - (c) an individual who assists an athlete or a contestant as advised by a coach or trainer and who assists a coach or trainer in the preparation of an athlete or a contestant;
  - (d) a medical practitioner;
  - (e) a para-medical practitioner;

“athlete”, “contestant”, “crew” and “live performance” have the respective meanings given by Part 2 of the Second Schedule;

“official”, in relation to any sporting activity engaged in or played at a sporting event, means an individual who, in one or more of the following capacities, works with one or more athletes or contestants participating or competing in the sporting activity at the sporting event:

(a) an individual who determines the points scored by each athlete or contestant in the sporting event, such as a judge;

(b) an individual who regulates the number and length of rounds, and the interval between rounds, of each round of competition or contest between particular athletes or contestants or particular teams of athletes or contestants, such as a timekeeper;

“participation sporting event” and “spectator sporting event” have the respective meanings given by Part 2 of the Second Schedule.”.

### **Amendment of Part 1 of Second Schedule**

5. In Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations —

(a) replace item 1 with —

<p>1. A place, building or other premises (even if on board a vessel) at which a private social event takes place or is to take place, being either —</p> <p>(a) a nuptial event where more than 498 guests are invited to attend at the same time; or</p>	<p>The time —</p> <p>(a) starting 60 minutes before the time, or the earliest time if more than one, the private social event is stated will begin in any invitation relating to the private social event; and</p>
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(b) any other private social event where more than 500 participants attend or are invited to attend at the same time.	(b) ending 60 minutes after the time, or the latest time if more than one, the private social event is stated will end in any invitation relating to the private social event.”,
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- (b) in item 2, in the first column, after “is to be staged”, insert “, being a live performance attended or likely to be attended by more than 500 audience members at the same time in a single undivided enclosed or unenclosed space in the live performance venue”;
- (c) in item 3, replace the first column with —
- “3. Any place or premises where a media conference takes place or is to take place, being a media conference attended or likely to be attended by more than 500 participants at the same time.”;
- (d) in item 4, in the first column, replace the full-stop at the end with —
- “, being, as the case may be —
- (a) a spectator sporting event where the total number of spectators present or likely to be present in the sports venue at the same time in a single undivided enclosed or unenclosed space, is more than 500; or
- (b) a participation sporting event where the total number of athletes or contestants taking part or likely to take part at the same time in a single undivided enclosed or unenclosed space in the sports venue, is more than 500.”;
- (e) in item 7, replace the first column with —

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“7. Any venue at which a customer-facing business event or a non-customer facing business event takes place or is to take place, where more than 500 participants attend or are likely to attend at the same time.”;

(f) in item 7, replace “the major” wherever it appears in the second column with “such a”;

(g) delete items 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21;

(h) in item 11, in the first column, after “is to take place”, insert “, being a religious gathering attended or likely to be attended by more than 500 worshippers at the same time”; and

(i) in item 12, replace the first column with —

“12. Any premises or place that is a retail food and drinks establishment or a bar regardless that any of the following takes place or is to take place therein:

(a) a private social event;

(b) a business event;

(c) a sporting event;

(d) a live performance;

(e) a religious gathering;

(f) a media conference.”.

## **Amendment of Part 2 of Second Schedule**

**6.** In Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations, in paragraph 1 —

(a) after the definition of “athlete”, insert —

““audience member”, for a live performance, means an individual who is entitled to be admitted to a live performance venue where the live performance is being or is to be staged for the purpose of attending or watching the live performance or to report on the live performance (such as spectators or patrons who are customers of a person staging the live performance or a live performance hirer) and includes an individual lawfully present in or around a live performance venue who is

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attending or watching the live performance (such as busking outdoors) but excludes —

- (a) any crew for the live performance; and
  - (b) any individual the principal purpose of his or her being in the live performance venue is to provide services in connection with the live performance;”;
- (b) delete the definitions of “boarding premises”, “major business event”, “ordinary business event”, “personal appearance service” and “personal care service” and “tourist attraction”;
- (c) after the definition of “contestant”, insert —
- ““crew”, in relation to a live performance, means an individual who is employed in connection with the staging of a performance other than as a performer in the live performance, whether under a contract of employment by or a contract for service with, any person staging the live performance;”;
- (d) after the definition of “crowd management period”, insert —
- ““customer-facing business event” means a business event that is not a non-customer facing business event;”;
- (e) after the definition of “funeral event”, insert —
- ““guest”, in relation to a nuptial event, means an individual who is invited to attend the nuptial event but excludes any of the following:
- (a) a party to the marriage to which the nuptial event relates;
  - (b) a celebrant by whom the marriage is solemnized;
  - (c) a person engaged to organise the nuptial event, or to provide authorised services for or in connection with the holding of the nuptial event;
  - (d) a permitted enterprise worker of a person mentioned in paragraph (c) who is at work in relation to the nuptial event;”;
- (f) after the definition of “media conference”, insert —

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“non-customer facing business event” means a business event that is —

- (a) for any occasion or purpose as follows:
- (i) to comply with an order of a court, a direction given by or on behalf of a public officer or a public body in exercise of a power under any written law, or a requirement under or a statutory duty appearing in an Act (including any alternative arrangements for meetings provided under section 27 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020);
  - (ii) to promote or facilitate employment by or contracts for service with the permitted enterprise; or
- (b) attended by participants consisting wholly or mainly of permitted enterprise workers of the permitted enterprise and for any occasion or purpose as follows:
- (i) to conduct professional or vocational training, or testing, certification or accreditation of a permitted enterprise worker of the permitted enterprise, or of his or her proficiency in a skill used in an authorised service provided by the permitted enterprise;
  - (ii) to promote or facilitate activities directed at maintaining worker welfare and productivity in the course of conducting a business or an undertaking;”;

(g) replace the definition of “participant” with —

“participant” includes any of the following:

- (a) for a nuptial event — any guest of the nuptial event;
- (b) for any other private social event — any individual who attends (on invitation or otherwise) the event for the purpose of taking part in the event;

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- (c) for a media conference — any recognised reporter;
  - (d) for a business event — an individual who is entitled to be admitted to a place where the business event takes place, or is to take place, for any of the following purposes:
    - (i) to attend, watch, vote or take part in any other way, in the meetings, exhibitions or displays staged or conducted, or to be staged or conducted, in the venue;
    - (ii) to preside at, speak or otherwise take charge of proceedings in, or to regulate the number and length of, meetings, exhibition or displays staged or conducted, or to be staged or conducted, at the business event;
    - (iii) to work in one or more of the following capacities with any individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) during the business event:
      - (A) an individual who accompanies an individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) to promote or give protection, advice or assistance to the latter individual during any meeting, exhibition or display at the business event;
      - (B) an individual who undertakes to represent the interests of an individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) in procuring the engagement of the latter individual as a speaker, presenter or person presiding at any meeting or discussion at the business event (called a manager);
      - (C) an individual who assists an individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) as advised by a manager, or who assists the manager in representing the interests

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of the individual mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii);

(iv) to report on the business event;”;

(h) after the definition of “place of worship”, insert —

““private social event” means any of the following:

(a) a nuptial event;

(b) any other type of private social function at which a group of individuals come together to associate or interact with each other for social purposes rather than remaining seated or stationary for the duration of the function,

but not a funeral event or any live performance, sporting event, business event, religious gathering and media conference;”;

and

(i) after the definition of “publicity material”, insert —

““recognised reporter”, in relation to a media conference, means an individual who —

(a) is authorised by a provider of radio, television, newspaper or other mass media services; and

(b) is invited by a promoter of the media conference,

to be an interviewer during or to otherwise attend the media conference;”.

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