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

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 11) 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. 11) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 21 June 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 before the definition of "at work", the following definition:
 - ""activity cohort" means a cohort of individuals not exceeding 2, who are allocated under Part 3 or 4 of the First Schedule (as the case may be) in connection with —
 - (*a*) consuming, within any premises that are a retail food and drinks establishment, any food or drink supplied or provided at those premises; or

- (b) engaging in a sporting activity or other physical recreational activity described in paragraph 1 of Part 4 of the First Schedule, within 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 activity;";
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (a) of the definition of "education business", the following paragraph:
 - "(*aa*) lessons or teaching based wholly on a religious belief, religious opinion or religious affiliation, or a course of instruction or training to become a member of a religious order or in the duties of a minister of religion;"; and
- (c) by deleting the definition of "personal appearance service".

Amendment of regulation 3A

3. Regulation 3A(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words "outdoors but not physical exercise indoors, strenuous or otherwise" in sub-paragraph (*a*).

Amendment of regulation 6

4. Regulation 6(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of sub-paragraph (*a*), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

- "(*b*) that is an activity cohort for any of the following purposes:
 - (i) consuming, within any premises that are a retail food and drinks establishment, any food or drink supplied or provided at those premises;

(ii) engaging in a sporting activity or other physical recreational activity described in paragraph 1 of Part 4 of the First Schedule, within 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 activity; or".

Amendment of regulation 7

5. Regulation 7(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of sub-paragraph (i) of sub-paragraph (a), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

"(ii) an activity cohort and the other individual is part of that same activity cohort; or".

Amendment of regulation 12

6. Regulation 12(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) of sub-paragraph (*a*) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

- "(ii) to ensure that tables and seats for customers and visitors to the permitted premises are arranged such that each table can accommodate not more than
 - (A) 5 individuals seated at the table if there is no activity cohort;
 - (B) 5 individuals in each group separated by a space of at least one metre if there is no activity cohort; or
 - (C) 2 individuals if there is an activity cohort; and".

Amendment of regulation 13

- 7. Regulation 13(3) of the principal Regulations is amended
 - (*a*) by deleting the words "and whether or not any retail food and drinks business is also carried on at the premises or place" in the definition of "amusement centre" and substituting the words "but not any part of the premises or place where a retail food and drinks business is carried out"; and
 - (b) by deleting the definitions of "personal appearance service" and "personal care service".

Amendment of First Schedule

8.—(1) Part 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Part substituted therefor:

"PART 3

RETAIL FOOD AND DRINKS ESTABLISHMENT

1.—(1) The permitted enterprise must, in respect of its permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment, cordon off and prevent the use of any part of the retail food and drinks establishment which is a part designed for the principal purpose of serving liquor for immediate consumption there (commonly called a bar), unless drinks (which may include liquor) and cooked food are served, or allowed to be served, to any customer for consumption at the bar.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1), "cooked food" does not include pre-packed or ready-to-eat food that —

- (a) does not necessarily require any further preparation or handling before consumption; and
- (b) can be stored at room or ambient temperature before its packaging is opened and, after the packaging is opened, may not require refrigeration.

2. Immediately after 10.30 p.m. every day a retail food and drinks establishment is open for business, the permitted enterprise of that retail food and drinks establishment must stop —

(*a*) the sale and serving of liquor for consumption on the retail food and drinks establishment; and

(b) the consumption of liquor on the retail food and drinks establishment,

regardless of the trading hours specified in any licence granted under the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act 2015 or authorised under that Act in relation to that retail food and drinks establishment.

3. Subject to paragraph 6, the permitted enterprise must not provide, or allow, any of the following to occur within its permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment when it is open for business:

- (a) any live performance, exhibition or display of gymnastics or acrobatics, lecture, talk or address, whether by the customers or otherwise;
- (b) any display or exhibition (whether on a television or other screen) to customers in or around the retail food and drinks establishment of
 - (i) any film or video recording;
 - (ii) any television programme received from a free-to-air broadcasting service (such as live sports events or news) or a subscription nationwide television service; or
 - (iii) any live performance, exhibition or display of gymnastics or acrobatics, lecture, talk or address happening elsewhere (whether in or outside Singapore and whether in a public or private place), using real-time transmission of the live performance, exhibition or display, lecture, talk or address;
- (c) any playing of music, singing, lecture, talk or address or any other content (whether or not pre-recorded) which is likely to be audible to customers in or around the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (*d*) any playing of billiards, pool or other like games, or electronic or mechanical amusement devices, such as pinball machines, computer or video games and the like, for customers to play;
- (e) any conduct of an organised competition of games of skill or chance;
- (f) any verbal exhortation of goodwill or honour or about any other matter (whether or not auspicious or propitious) carried out by a customer or otherwise, accompanied by a ritual (like toasting) in which a drink or any food is offered, taken or handled.

Examples

A toast in acclamation to an individual at a dinner celebrating the individual's birthday.

Emphatic uttering of auspicious sayings during the traditional Chinese ritual known as Lo-Hei is not allowed.

4. Despite regulation 10B(1)(k)(i) and (n), but subject to regulation 6, the permitted enterprise carrying on a retail food and drinks business must take, or cause to be taken, all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that, in respect of its permitted premises which is a retail food and drinks establishment —

- (*a*) every customer or visitor who consumes or intends to consume within those premises any food or drink supplied or provided at those premises, is allocated into and remains in an activity cohort consisting of not more than 2 individuals each; and
- (b) there is a distance of at least one metre between every member of any activity cohort within those permitted premises from any of the following who consume or intend to consume within those premises any food or drink supplied or provided at those premises:
 - (i) any other individual who is alone and not in an activity cohort;
 - (ii) any other individual who is a member of another activity cohort.

5. The permitted enterprise must not provide on its permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment any food or drinks (or both) for consumption by way of a self-service buffet.

6. Where a solemnization of a marriage takes place in any permitted premises that is a retail food and drinks establishment, the permitted enterprise occupying the food and drinks establishment must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that regulation 7A(2A) is complied with in addition to this Part, except that the following provisions in this Part are suspended for the duration of the solemnization and to the extent as follows:

- (a) paragraph 3(a) does not prohibit any speech by any guest of the solemnization, party to the marriage, celebrant or other person at work in relation to the solemnization, who are within the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (b) paragraph 3(b)(i) does not prohibit any display or exhibition (whether on a television or other screen) of any film or video recording that —
 - (i) is about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage; and

- (ii) is visible and audible mainly by guests of the solemnization who are within the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (c) paragraph 3(b)(iii) does not prohibit any speech using real-time transmission if the speech is about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage;
- (d) paragraph 3(c) does not prohibit playing of any pre-recorded music, pre-recorded singing, pre-recorded lecture, talk or address or any other pre-recorded content that
 - (i) is about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage; and
 - (ii) is audible mainly by guests of the solemnization who are within the retail food and drinks establishment;
- (e) paragraph 4 does not require allocating into and keeping any guest of the solemnization and any party to the marriage to an activity cohort.".

(2) Part 4 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

(*a*) by deleting paragraph 1 and substituting the following paragraphs:

"1. Despite regulation 10B(1)(n), a permitted enterprise which provides an authorised service consisting of providing lessons or coaching in, or for participation in, a sporting activity or other physical recreational activity in an indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility, or which owns, or has charge, management or control of, an indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility, must take (or cause to be taken) in respect of that facility all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that every customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker receiving the authorised service is allocated into and remains in a cohort as follows:

- (a) an activity cohort consisting of not more than 2 individuals each — for any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker who engages or intends to engage in, within the indoor physical recreational facility —
 - (i) any high-intensity physical exercise; or
 - (ii) another sporting activity or physical recreational activity without wearing a mask;

- (b) a cohort consisting of not more than 5 individuals each — for any customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker who engages or intends to engage in —
 - (i) within the indoor physical recreational facility, a sporting activity or a physical recreational activity (neither of which is a high-intensity physical exercise) and while wearing a mask; or
 - (ii) within the outdoor physical recreational facility, a sporting activity or a physical recreational activity and whether or not while wearing a mask.

1A. Despite regulation 10B(1)(k)(i), a permitted enterprise which provides an authorised service consisting of providing lessons or coaching in, or for participation in, a sporting activity or other physical recreational activity in an indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility, or which owns, or has charge, management or control of, an indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility, must take (or cause to be taken) in respect of that facility, all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that there is maintained a distance of —

- (a) at least 2 metres between any 2 individuals belonging to the same cohort or activity cohort (whether customers, visitors, permitted enterprise workers or a combination thereof) when they are each engaging in any exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity within the indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility; and
- (b) at least 3 metres between every member of a cohort or an activity cohort (whether customers, visitors, permitted enterprise workers or a combination thereof) and —
 - (i) any other individual who is alone and not in any such cohort; or
 - (ii) any other individual who is a member of another cohort or activity cohort,

when they are each engaging in any exercise, fitness activity or fitness-related activity within the indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility."; and

(b) by deleting paragraphs 3 and 4 and substituting the following paragraph:

"3. Immediately after 10.30 p.m. every day, a permitted enterprise that operates an amusement centre in the course of business must stop —

- (*a*) the sale and serving of liquor for consumption on the premises that is the amusement centre; and
- (b) the consumption of liquor on those premises,

regardless of the trading hours specified in any licence granted under the Liquor Control (Supply and Consumption) Act 2015 or authorised under that Act in relation to the premises.".

(3) Part 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph 2 and substituting the following paragraph:

"2.—(1) Despite paragraph 1, a permitted enterprise that carries on an education business providing, in the course of any business, lessons or coaching in any of the following, whether alone or in combination with any other activities:

- (a) singing;
- (b) voice training or speech and drama;
- (c) playing of any wind musical instrument;
- (d) a combination of the activities in sub-paragraph (a), (b) or (c),

must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that for every class for its customers taking such lessons or coaching in any room or place in its permitted premises, there are present a number of individuals in the room or place not more than the maximum permissible group size for that class.

(2) A permitted enterprise that carries on an education business described in sub-paragraph (1) must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that for every class, or for each class in a course consisting of more than one class, of its customers taking such lessons or coaching in any room or place in its permitted premises, there are present (whether or not as a student, teacher, supervisor or an instructor of the class) in the room or place —

- (*a*) not more than 10 individuals who do not wear a mask and that they remain the same throughout the conduct of the class;
- (b) within the individuals mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), not more than 2 individuals singing or playing a wind musical instrument and that they remain the same throughout the conduct of the class; and
- (c) no other individuals in the room or place singing or playing a wind musical instrument throughout the conduct of that class.

Illustration

In a classroom of 26 students for musical drama lessons with an instructor and accompanists on keyboard, guitar and saxophone, it is permissible for up to 10 fixed individuals in the classroom to not wear a mask. Among that 10, there must not be more than 2 fixed individuals singing or playing wind musical instruments. All other individuals in the classroom must not sing or play a wind musical instrument, even if wearing a mask.

(3) Despite regulations 10B and 13E, a permitted enterprise carrying on an education business providing, in the course of any business, lessons or coaching in singing, voice training, speech and drama or playing of wind musical instruments must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure —

- (*a*) that every individual who is present in a room or place in its permitted premises in connection with those lessons or that coaching or instruction, maintains the following distance from any other individual in that room or place, as follows:
 - (i) at least one metre when wearing a mask;
 - (ii) at least 2 metres when not wearing a mask;
- (b) that any microphone, musical instrument or other like article on the premises used in the conduct of those lessons, coaching or instruction is not shared among or used by more than one customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker (or any of them in combination) in those premises; and
- (c) that not more than one class of customers taking lessons, coaching or instruction is allowed to occupy the same room or place on its permitted premises.

(4) Sub-paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) do not apply to the person who carries on an education business at the LASALLE College of the Arts or the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts.".

Amendment of Third Schedule

9. Items 9 and 10 of the Third Schedule to the principal Regulations are deleted and the following items substituted therefor:

 9. A class of students taking lessons, coaching or instruction in — (a) any sporting activity; (b) any physical recreation activity (like dance or yoga); or (c) a combination of the activities in paragraph (a) or (b), from a permitted enterprise that carries on an education business providing, in the course of any business, such lessons, coaching or instruction, whether alone or in combination with any other activities. 	 The lower of the following at any time during the class, whether or not as a student, teacher, supervisor or an assistant or instructor of the class: (a) 30 individuals; (b) the maximum number of individuals which the room or place where the class is taking place may accommodate if regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12, paragraph 1 of Part 4 and paragraph 5 of Part 5 of the First Schedule are complied with.
 10. A class of students taking lessons, coaching or instruction in — (a) singing; (b) voice training or speech and drama; (c) playing of any wind musical instrument; or (d) a combination of the activities in paragraph (a), (b) or (c), in a room or place within the permitted premises of a permitted enterprise that carries on an education business providing, in the course of any business, such 	 time during the class, whether or not as a student, teacher, supervisor or an instructor of the class: (a) 30 individuals; (b) the maximum number of individuals which the room or place may accommodate if regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12 and paragraph 1 of Part 5 of the First Schedule are complied with.

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