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

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 12) 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. 12) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 12 July 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 deleting the definition of “activity cohort” and substituting the following definition:

““activity cohort” means a dining-in activity cohort or a sporting activity cohort;”;

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

““dining-in activity cohort” means a cohort of not more than 5 individuals for the purpose of consuming food and drink at a retail food and drinks establishment;”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “enhanced entry control” and substituting the following definition:

““enhanced entry control”, for any room or place where a solemnization of a marriage or a wedding takes place or is to take place, means a requirement to establish and maintain, during the restricted period of the solemnization of a marriage or wedding (within the meaning of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021), all reasonably practicable procedures and protocols that ensure that any guest, without a cleared status, does not enter or remain within the room or place where the solemnization or wedding (as the case may be) takes place, or is to take place, during that period;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “the solemnization of a marriage” in the definition of “guest”, the words “or a wedding”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words “attend the solemnization” in the definition of “guest”, the words “or wedding”;
- (f) by deleting paragraph (c) of the definition of “guest” and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) a permitted enterprise engaged to organise the solemnization of the marriage or wedding, or to provide authorised services —

- (i) for the conduct of proceedings in the solemnization of the marriage; or
- (ii) for celebration arrangements made in connection with the wedding;”;

(g) by inserting, immediately after the words “the solemnization” in paragraph (d) of the definition of “guest”, the words “or wedding”;

(h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “harbour craft”, the following definition:

““high-intensity physical exercise” and “indoor physical recreational facility” have the respective meanings given by regulation 13(3);”;

(i) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (d) of the definition of “other Control Order Regulations”, the following paragraph:

“(e) the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings — Control Order) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 509/2021);”;

(j) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “public path”, the following definition:

““religious gathering” has the meaning given by regulation 3(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings — Control Order) Regulations 2021;”;

(k) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of “sporting activity” and “sporting event”, the following definition:

““sporting activity cohort” means a cohort of not more than 5 individuals for the purpose of 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:

(a) any high-intensity physical exercise;

(b) another sporting activity or physical recreational activity without wearing a mask;”;

and

(l) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “wedding”, the following definition:

““wedding special cohort”, for a wedding, means a gathering not exceeding 20 individuals attending the wedding, the composition of which —

(a) includes the bride and groom of the marriage to which the wedding relates; and

(b) does not change during the wedding;”.

Amendment of regulation 3B

3. Regulation 3B of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

“(c) if the individual is any of the parties to the marriage to which a wedding relates, and only during the wedding;”.

Amendment of regulation 4

4. Regulation 4(3) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “an organised gathering of individuals made” in sub-paragraph (ia)(i) and substituting the words “a wedding”.

Amendment of regulation 6

5. Regulation 6(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(b) that is a wedding special cohort or a cohort in regulation 8(1)(d)(ii), where the purpose of gathering is a wedding;

(ba) that is a dining-in activity cohort if for the purpose of consuming food and drink at a retail food and drinks establishment;

(bb) that is a sporting activity cohort if for the purpose of 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; or”.

Amendment of regulation 7

6. Regulation 7(2) of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (a)(ii); and

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

“(iii) a gathering that is a wedding special cohort and the other individual is also allocated to that wedding special cohort; or

(iv) a cohort mentioned in regulation 6(1)(c)(ii), 7A(2A)(b)(ii) or 8(1)(d)(ii) (as the case may be) for a purpose that is not performing work as, for or with a permitted enterprise and the other individual is part of that cohort;”.

Deletion and substitution of regulation 8

7. Regulation 8 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following regulation substituted therefor:

“Requirements for weddings

8.—(1) An organiser of a wedding taking place in any room or place must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps —

- (a) to ensure that the room or place is not —
 - (i) in a place of residence;
 - (ii) in a place at which a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on; or
 - (iii) on board a vessel that is not a pleasure craft;
- (b) to establish and apply appropriate procedures and controls (jointly with another or otherwise) during the wedding that enable or facilitate contact tracing of —
 - (i) every guest of the wedding who enters the room or place; and
 - (ii) every permitted enterprise (and its permitted enterprise workers) engaged in providing at the room or place authorised services for celebration arrangements made in connection with the wedding;
- (c) where there are more than 48 guests attending the wedding —
 - (i) to establish one or more segregation zones in the room or place, with each zone providing for not more than 50 individuals (if they are guests or parties to the marriage) to be seated within the segregation zone; or
 - (ii) to establish an attendance time for each guest of the wedding (excluding a member of the wedding special cohort) to attend in person at the wedding, with each attendance time providing for not more than 50 individuals (if they are guests or parties to the marriage) to attend the wedding during that time;

- (d) to allocate guests of the wedding into the respective segregation zones or attendance times (where applicable) and then into either of the following cohorts, and to arrange for them to be seated accordingly:
 - (i) the wedding special cohort at the wedding;
 - (ii) a cohort of 5 or fewer guests;
- (e) to ensure that —
 - (i) any guest of the wedding (even if a member of the wedding special cohort) who is allocated a seat in a segregation zone (where applicable) does not, during the wedding, enter another segregation zone at that same wedding; and
 - (ii) any guest of the wedding who is allocated to attend the wedding during an attendance time does not attend the wedding at a different time (whether earlier or later) except to comply with a procedure or control for the purposes of sub-paragraph (f)(iii);
- (f) to establish and apply procedures or controls so as —
 - (i) to ensure that a guest allocated a seat in a segregation zone does not physically interact with another guest allocated a seat in another segregation zone when the guests enter or leave each guest's allocated segregation zone;
 - (ii) to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 between guests in different segregation zones;
 - (iii) to prevent any guest of the wedding who is allocated to attend the wedding during an attendance time from entering the room or place where the wedding is held unless 30 minutes or more have lapsed after all guests allocated to the earlier attendance time have left the room or place; and

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- (iv) to cause or enable any area, furniture, fittings, device, article or thing within the room or place that is used by guests allocated to different attendance times, or is used by guests to move through the room or place, to be cleaned and disinfected before the start of each attendance time, so as to minimise the transmission of COVID-19 from the use of the same area, furniture, fittings, device, article or thing by guests attending the wedding at different attendance times;
 - (g) to minimise physical interaction during the wedding between guests of the wedding unless they are —
 - (i) all from the same wedding special cohort at the wedding; or
 - (ii) all from the same cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (d)(ii);
 - (h) where more than 48 guests are invited to attend the wedding, to comply with the enhanced entry controls;
 - (i) to ensure that the composition of guests attending the wedding does not change during the wedding;
 - (j) to ensure that the gathering of individuals attending the wedding in the room or place does not during the wedding exceed the maximum permissible group size for the wedding in that room or place;
 - (k) to ensure that regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12 are complied with during the wedding as if —
 - (i) the room or place were permitted premises, every guest attending the wedding were a customer and the organiser were a permitted enterprise;
 - (ii) the reference to 5 or fewer individuals in regulation 10B(1)(k) were a reference to the

wedding special cohort and the cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (d), respectively; and

- (iii) the reference to 5 individuals in regulation 12(1)(a)(ii) were a reference to the wedding special cohort and the cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (d), respectively;
- (l) to ensure that none of the following activities are engaged in during the wedding, by the guests or otherwise:
 - (i) any variety act or performance of music, singing or dancing;
 - (ii) any organised competition of games of skill or chance;
 - (iii) any verbal exhortation 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;

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A toast in acclamation to the bride and groom at a wedding reception or wedding dinner is not allowed.

- (m) to stop the serving of liquor for consumption, and the consumption of liquor, by any individual in the room or place after 10.30 p.m.; and
 - (n) to ensure that a party to the marriage maintains an appropriate longer distance than one metre from any guest, and any other individual, in the room or place when the bride or groom is, with reasonable excuse, not wearing a mask and face shield during the wedding.
- (2) An organiser of a wedding taking place in any room or place must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable

steps to ensure that any food or drinks (or both) for consumption at the wedding are not provided by way of a buffet.

(3) An individual who is a guest at a wedding taking place in any room or place must, during the wedding, minimise physical interaction with any other guest at the same wedding —

- (a) who is not in the wedding special cohort at the wedding, if the individual is allocated under paragraph (1)(d)(i) to the wedding special cohort; or
- (b) who is not in the same cohort that the individual is allocated to under paragraph (1)(d)(ii).

(4) An individual who is a guest at a wedding and has been allocated a seat in a segregation zone under paragraph (1)(d) must not enter any other segregation zone at the same wedding.

(5) An individual who is a guest at a wedding and has been allocated an attendance time for the wedding established under paragraph (1)(c)(ii) must not enter the room or place where the wedding is held at any other time except to comply with a procedure or control for the purposes of paragraph (1)(f)(iii).

(6) To avoid doubt —

- (a) an individual does not attend a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage by reason only of being —
 - (i) engaged to organise the wedding, or to provide authorised services for the conduct of proceedings in the solemnization of the marriage or for celebration arrangements made in connection with the wedding; or
 - (ii) employed or engaged by a person in sub-paragraph (i) and at work in relation to the solemnization or wedding; and
- (b) this regulation does not derogate from any other requirements in these Regulations applicable to an organiser who is a permitted enterprise unless expressly stated.

(7) In this regulation, “room or place” includes a room or place on board a pleasure craft.”.

Amendment of regulation 10B

8. Regulation 10B(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “or 7A(2A)(b)” in sub-paragraph (n) and substituting the words “, 7A(2A)(b) or 8(1)(d)”.

Amendment of regulation 12

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

“(C) the highest number of individuals allowed for an activity cohort if there is such an activity cohort; and”.

Amendment of regulation 13E

10. Regulation 13E(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “within the permitted premises” in sub-paragraph (aa), the words “to the extent not allowed under regulation 13F(3A)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “in the permitted premises” in sub-paragraph (d), the words “unless and to the extent that sub-paragraph (da)(ii) allows otherwise”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (d), the following sub-paragraph:

“(da) take reasonable steps to ensure that —

- (i) any gathering in any part of the permitted premises for a purpose that —

(A) is substantially recreational or social in character; or

(B) is not wholly or exclusively for the production of income from an authorised service provided by the permitted enterprise,

consists of not more than 5 individuals; and

(ii) every member of any gathering mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) keeps a distance of at least one metre away from any other individual in that part of those premises who is not part of that same gathering;”.

Amendment of regulation 13F

11. Regulation 13F of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “and (3)” in paragraphs (1), (4), (5) and (6) and substituting in each case the words “, (3) and (3A)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “sponsored by the permitted enterprise” in the *Examples of impermissible gatherings* in paragraph (1), the words “, and attended by more than 5 individuals”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “dinner and dance” in the *Examples of impermissible gatherings* in paragraph (1), the words “for more than 5”;
- (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of paragraphs (2)(e) and (3)(e) and substituting in each case the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(i) any food or drink for consumption at the room or place in connection with the event is served only in individual servings, and is consumed there only when seated;”;

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- (e) by deleting sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraphs (2)(e) and (3)(e) and substituting in each case the following sub-paragraph:

“(iii) no food or drink is served or consumed at the room or place in connection with the event at any time when a live performance takes place in the room or place, despite sub-paragraph (i);”;

- (f) by deleting sub-paragraph (v) (excluding the *Examples*) of paragraphs (2)(e) and (3)(e) and substituting in each case the following sub-paragraph:

“(v) no music, lecture, talk or address or any other content (whether or not pre-recorded) is played or provided in a manner which is likely to be audible to individuals in or around the room or place, when any food or drink is being served or consumed at the room or place in connection with the event; and”;

- (g) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(3A) Paragraph (1) does not apply to or in relation to an event involving an organised gathering in person —

(a) for an occasion or a purpose that is substantially recreational or social in character attended by some permitted enterprise workers of a permitted enterprise;

(b) that takes place in any room or place that is not a specified dormitory or within a specified dormitory; and

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- (c) at which there is present at any time not more than 5 individuals, not counting individuals who are present as relevant service staff for the event.”;
 - (h) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (4)(a), the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(ii) food or drinks or both, eating or drinking utensils or food or drink appliances,”;
 - (i) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (6)(c);
 - (j) by deleting the comma at the end of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (6) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(e) a religious gathering,”;
 - (k) by deleting the words “or (d)” in paragraph (6) and substituting the words “, (d) or (e)”;
 - (l) by deleting the words “or the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021” in paragraph (6) and substituting the words “, the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021 or the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Religious Gatherings — Control Order) Regulations 2021”.

Amendment of First Schedule

12.—(1) Part 3 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “an activity cohort consisting of not more than 2 individuals each” in paragraph 4(a) and substituting the words “a dining-in activity cohort”;
- (b) by deleting the words “any activity cohort” in paragraph 4(b) and substituting the words “any dining-in activity cohort”;

- (c) by deleting the words “an activity cohort” in paragraph 4(b)(i) and substituting the words “a dining-in activity cohort”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “member of another” in paragraph 4(b)(ii), the word “dining-in”;
- (e) by deleting paragraph 5 and substituting the following paragraph:

“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 —

- (a) by way of a buffet when those premises are used for a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage; and
- (b) by way of a self-service buffet on any other occasion.”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the words “solemnization of a marriage” in paragraph 6, the words “, or a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage,”;
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the words “regulation 7A(2A)” in paragraph 6, the words “or 8 (as the case may be)”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the words “duration of the solemnization” in paragraph 6, the words “or wedding”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the word “solemnization” wherever it appears in paragraph 6(a), (b)(ii) and (d)(ii), the words “or wedding”; and
- (j) by deleting sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph 6 and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(e) paragraph 4 does not require allocating into and keeping any guest allocated to the solemnization special cohort or wedding special cohort (as the case may be) and any party to the marriage, to a dining-in activity cohort.”.

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

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- (a) by deleting the words “an activity cohort consisting of not more than 2 individuals each” in paragraph 1(a) and substituting the words “a sporting activity cohort”;
 - (b) by deleting the words “or activity cohort” in paragraph 1A(a) and (b)(ii) and substituting in each case the words “or sporting activity cohort”; and
 - (c) by deleting the words “an activity cohort” in paragraph 1A(b) and substituting the words “a sporting activity cohort”.
- (3) Paragraph 2(2) of Part 5 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting “10” wherever it appears in sub-paragraph (a) and in the *Illustration* and substituting in each case “20”; and
 - (b) by deleting “2” in sub-paragraph (b) and in the *Illustration* and substituting in each case “5”.
- (4) Paragraph 3 of Part 6 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “a high-risk recreational facility” and substituting the words “an indoor physical recreational facility or outdoor physical recreational facility”; and
 - (b) by deleting the words “paragraph 1A” wherever they appear and substituting in each case the words “paragraphs 1 and 1A”.
- (5) Paragraph 1 of Part 7 of the First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “3 and 4” and substituting the words “3, 4 and 5”.

Amendment of Third Schedule

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

(a) by inserting, immediately after item 3, the following item:

<p>“ 3A. A gathering for a wedding in celebration of a marriage in a room or place.</p>	<p>The lower of the following at any time during the wedding:</p> <p>(a) the total of 248 guests of the wedding, the parties to the marriage and any celebrant of the marriage if the wedding involves proceedings to solemnize the marriage;</p> <p>(b) the maximum number of individuals which the room or place where the wedding is taking place may accommodate if regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12 are complied with as if the room or place were permitted premises, every guest of the wedding were a customer and the organiser were a permitted enterprise.”;</p>
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(b) by deleting “30” in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 9 and substituting “50”;

(c) by deleting “30” in the second column (titled “*Maximum number of individuals*”) of item 10 and substituting “50”; and

(d) by deleting the words “or (3)” wherever they appear in item 11 and substituting in each case the words “, (3) or (3A)”.

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