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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MASS GATHERING TESTING FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019) (AMENDMENT NO. 5) REGULATIONS 2021

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 12 July 2021.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

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

““celebrant”, in relation to a marriage, has the meaning given by Part 2 of the Second Schedule;”;

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

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

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- (c) by deleting the definition of “nuptial event” and substituting the following definition:

““nuptial event” means —

- (a) a solemnization of a marriage; or
- (b) a wedding;”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “restricted place”, the following definition:

““solemnization of a marriage” means a ceremony at which a single marriage is solemnized according to proceedings prescribed by written law and without virtual participation, except that where —

- (a) those proceedings take place concurrently with or in a manner indistinguishable from an organised gathering made in connection with the celebration of a marriage; or
- (b) those proceedings at any premises are followed immediately or without a break by an organised gathering made in connection with the celebration of the marriage at the same premises (whether or not in the same room or place),

the gathering of individuals at the proceedings in paragraph (a) or (b) must be treated instead as a wedding for the purposes of these Regulations;”;

- (e) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “vaccinated” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““wedding” means an organised gathering of individuals in connection with the celebration of a single marriage, being a

marriage in respect of which no organised gathering has earlier taken place in connection with the celebration of that marriage.”.

Amendment of regulation 13

3. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “item 9” in paragraph (2A), the words “or 10”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2A), the following paragraph:

“(2B) In addition to paragraphs (1) and (2A), where the restricted place is used for a wedding in item 10 of Part 1 of the Second Schedule, 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 as a guest, unless he or she is or is to be part of the wedding special cohort.”; and

- (c) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “spectator sporting event” in paragraph (3) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter 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 Part 1 of Second Schedule

4. Part 1 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting item 9 and substituting the following items:

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<p>9. A place, building or other premises (other than a place of residence or on board a vessel) at which a nuptial event takes place or is to take place, being a nuptial event to which more than 48 but not more than 248 guests are invited to attend.</p>	<p>The time —</p> <p>(a) starting 60 minutes before the time the nuptial event is stated will begin in any invitation relating to the nuptial event; and</p> <p>(b) ending 60 minutes after the time that the nuptial event is stated will end on any invitation relating to the nuptial event.</p>
<p>10. A place, building or other premises (other than a place of residence or on board a vessel) at which a wedding takes place or is to take place, being a wedding to which more than 48 guests are invited to attend.</p>	<p>The time —</p> <p>(a) starting 60 minutes before the time the wedding is stated will begin in any invitation relating to the wedding; and</p> <p>(b) ending 60 minutes after the time that the wedding is stated will end on any invitation relating to the wedding.</p>
<p>11. A venue at which a religious gathering takes place or is to take place, being a religious gathering attended or likely to be attended by more than 50 worshippers at the same time in a single undivided space in the venue.</p>	<p>The crowd management period for the religious gathering.</p>

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Amendment of Part 2 of Second Schedule

5. Paragraph 1 of Part 2 of the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

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

““crowd management period”, for a religious gathering at a venue, means —

(a) subject to paragraph (b), the period —

(i) starting 60 minutes before the time that the religious gathering is stated will begin daily on any publicity material relating to the religious gathering; and

(ii) ending 60 minutes after the time that the religious gathering is stated will end daily on any publicity material relating to the religious gathering; or

(b) for a religious gathering to mark or commemorate one or more days of religious significance (whether or not also a public holiday) and for which there is no publicity material described in paragraph (a), the period —

(i) starting 60 minutes before the first time in the day or each day (as the case may be) the venue is open to worshippers to attend the religious gathering; and

(ii) ending 60 minutes after the time in the day or each day (as the case may be) the venue closes admission to worshippers to attend the religious gathering;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “enclosed space”, the following definitions:

““funeral event” and “funerary memorial event” have the respective meanings given by regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “marketing material”, the following definition:

““non-worshipper”, in relation to a religious gathering taking place or to take place in a venue, means an individual who is lawfully present in the venue during a crowd management period of the religious gathering —

- (a) to deliver goods or provide services connected with the organising of the religious gathering by the person who is responsible (whether fully or substantially) for the organising of the religious gathering;
- (b) to monitor and ensure the compliance by worshippers and any other individuals present during the crowd management period of the religious gathering, with the requirements in any of the Control Orders;
- (c) to execute an order of a court or 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
- (d) to render help in the event of an emergency at the religious gathering;”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “participation sporting event”, the following definitions:

““place of worship” means any place —

- (a) that is consecrated or dedicated generally or specifically, or is associated with or regularly used, for the conduct of religious services (such as a mosque, surau, temple, church, cathedral, chapel, sanctuary or synagogue); and
- (b) the use of which as a place of worship is not a breach of planning control under the Planning Act (Cap. 232),

but excludes any place that is the ordinary place of residence of any individual or is part of the common property of any subdivided building used (in whole or part) for residential purposes;

“publicity material”, for a religious gathering, means an advertisement (online or otherwise) or any other publicity material promoting the religious gathering;

“religious gathering” means any gathering of individuals that is for the purpose of allowing worshippers to engage in an act of worship at a religious service, but does not include any of the following gatherings:

- (a) a nuptial event, funeral event or funerary memorial event involving a religious service;
- (b) a gathering of individuals to provide or receive (or both) 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;
- (c) a business event (or part thereof) within the meaning of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021;

“religious service” means a ceremony or rite, or an observance or a worship, sermon or service, based wholly on a religious belief, religious opinion or religious affiliation;

“religious worker” means any of the following individuals:

- (a) a minister of religion, such as an imam or asatizah, a mufti, pastor, bishop, rabbi, priest or reverend;
- (b) a full-time member of a religious order, such as a monk or nun;
- (c) a full-time employee who is assisting any individual mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) in connection with the conduct of any ceremony or rite or an observance or a worship, sermon or service at a religious gathering, including by preparing food or offerings or playing any musical instrument;” and

(e) by deleting the definition of “venue” and substituting the following definitions:

“venue” —

- (a) in relation to a business event — means an enclosed space or unenclosed space where the business event takes place or is to take place; or
- (b) in relation to a religious gathering — means an enclosed space or unenclosed space where the religious gathering takes place or is to take place, whether or not the space is or is within a place of worship;

“volunteer”, in relation to a religious gathering, means an individual at the religious gathering in person —

- (a) who —
 - (i) volunteers to assist any religious worker conducting any part of a religious service, the conduct of which is the purpose of the religious gathering; or
 - (ii) is otherwise providing voluntary services in connection with the religious gathering, such as singing or playing of musical instruments; and
- (b) who is not a worshipper at the same religious gathering;

“worshipper”, in relation to a religious gathering, means —

- (a) an individual who attends in person to engage in an act of worship at a religious service, the conduct of which is the purpose of the religious gathering; or
- (b) an individual who has a lawful reason to enter or remain in the place where the religious gathering is held but is not any of the following:
 - (i) an individual in paragraph (a);
 - (ii) a non-worshipper;
 - (iii) a volunteer at the religious gathering;
 - (iv) a religious worker in pursuit of his or her vocation as a religious worker at the

religious gathering, whether or not as an employee of any person.”.

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