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

**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES)
(MAJOR BUSINESS EVENTS — CONTROL ORDER)
(AMENDMENT NO. 6) 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) (Major Business Events — Control Order) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 19 August 2021.

Amendment of regulation 1

2. Regulation 1 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Major Business Events — Control Order) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 278/2021) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting the word “Major”.

Amendment of regulation 2

3. Regulation 2 of the principal Regulations is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “These Regulations apply” and substituting the words “Part 2 applies”;
 - (b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (a);
 - (c) by inserting, immediately after the word “periods” in paragraph (b)(ii), the words “of the business event”; and
 - (d) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (1) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:

“(2) However, an activity is not a major business event just because it comprises the routine supply or provision by a person of goods or services (but not function centre services) to consumers or other customers at any premises where the business, undertaking or work connected with the supply or provision of those goods or services is ordinarily carried out by the person.

(3) Part 3 applies to and in relation to a business event held or conducted on or after 19 August 2021 that —

- (a) is organised by or on behalf of a permitted enterprise substantially in the production of income from an authorised service provided by the permitted enterprise; and
- (b) is not a major business event.”.

Amendment of regulation 3

4. Regulation 3(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

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

““defined activity” means an activity for the purpose of —

- (a) consuming food and drinks;
- (b) receiving any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one’s mask in order to receive the service; or
- (c) 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;”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Main Control Order”, the following definition:

““major business event” means any business event described in regulation 2(1);”.

Amendment of regulation 4

5. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) between every participant of the business event in the venue; and”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) Despite paragraph (1), the general physical distancing requirement for a business event described in regulation 15D means the requirement to ensure that, within any part of the venue for such a business event, there is a distance of at least one metre between every member of any cohort of 5 or fewer participants of the business event from —

- (a) any other participant of the business event in the venue who is alone or is a member of another cohort of such participants; and
- (b) any other non-participant.”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “paragraph (1) does not” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “paragraphs (1) and (1A) do not”.

Amendment of regulation 5

6. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “business event” wherever they appear (except in paragraphs (a) and (b)) and substituting in each case the words “major business event”;
- (b) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) 500, unless the number in sub-paragraph (b) is lower;

(b) a number which the participants’ area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:

(i) the segregation requirement;

(ii) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1);

(iii) regulations 10A, 12 and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.”; and

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

“(2) The participant capacity requirement for a venue where a business event described in regulation 15A takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement that limits the total number of participants who are or may be allowed to be present within the participants’ area of the venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the business event to the lower of the following:

- (a) 50;
- (b) a number which the participants' area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1);
 - (ii) regulations 10A and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.

(3) The participant capacity requirement for a venue where a business event described in regulation 15D takes place, or is to take place, means the requirement that limits the total number of participants who are or may be allowed to be present within the participants' area of the venue at any one time during the crowd management period of the business event to —

- (a) where the venue is not the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event — the lower of the following:
 - (i) 50;
 - (ii) a number which the participants' area can accommodate if all the following are complied with:
 - (A) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1A);
 - (B) regulations 10A and 12 of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order; or
- (b) where the venue is the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event — a number which the participants' area can

accommodate if all the following are complied with:

- (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1A);
- (ii) regulations 10A, 12 and 13E(1)(d) of, and the First Schedule (where applicable) to, the Main Control Order.”.

Amendment of regulation 8

7. Regulation 8(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) to refuse entry to the venue by any individual —

- (i) whom the venue manager of the venue knows or has reason to believe is subject to a movement control measure; or
- (ii) who refuses to comply with any contact-tracing measure established or applied by the venue manager in order to comply with the contact-tracing requirement; and”.

New regulation 9A

8. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 9 in Part 1, the following regulation:

“Prevailing rule requirement

9A.—(1) Where the venue of a business event in regulation 15A or 15D is not the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event, the prevailing rule requirement means that the organiser of the business event must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the participants of the business event, during the crowd management period of the business event, do cooperate with the occupier of that venue to enable the occupier to comply with the requirements imposed on

the occupier under the Main Control Order in relation to the business event taking place in that venue.

(2) Where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in during a business event in regulation 15A in a venue, and the venue is the permitted premises of the organiser of the business event that is —

- (a) a retail food and drinks establishment or a place at which a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on;
- (b) an indoor recreational facility; or
- (c) premises at which is provided any personal appearance service or personal care service that requires taking off, or not wearing, one's mask in order to receive the service,

the prevailing rule requirement means that the organiser of the business event must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure —

- (d) that the requirements in the Main Control Order are complied with, subject to —
 - (i) paragraph 2(a) of Part 3 of the First Schedule to the Main Control Order, and paragraph 1(1)(a) or 4(a) (as the case may be) of Part 4 of the Main Control Order, being disapplied in relation to the business event; and
 - (ii) paragraph 1(1)(b) and (c) and (2)(a) of Part 4 of the First Schedule to the Main Control Order applying despite any general physical distancing requirement in these Regulations; and
- (e) that where any food or drink is or is to be consumed in the room or place in connection with the business event —

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- (i) the food or drink must not be served or consumed in the venue when a live performance takes place in the venue;
 - (ii) the food or drink must be served in connection with the business event only in individual servings, and in no other way;
 - (iii) the food or drink must be consumed in connection with the business event only when participants are and remain seated; and
 - (iv) any music, lecture, talk or address or any other content (whether or not pre-recorded) must not be played or provided in a manner which is likely to be audible to individuals in or around the venue, when the food or drink is being served or consumed in the venue in connection with the business event.

(3) However, paragraph (2) does not apply to prevent the consumption of drink in an emergency where the drink is necessary to preserve life or prevent injury or further injury.”.

Amendment of heading to Part 2

9. Part 2 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “FOR” in the Part heading, the word “MAJOR”.

New Part 3

10. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 15, the following Part and Part headings:

“PART 3

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR
OTHER BUSINESS EVENTS

Division 1 — Non-customer facing business events

Application of Division

15A. This Division applies to and in relation to a business event that is not a major business event and organised by or on behalf of a permitted enterprise —

(a) that is 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 statutory duty appearing in an Act (including any alternative arrangements for meetings provided under section 27 of the Act);
- (ii) to promote or facilitate employment by or contracts for service with the permitted enterprise; or

(b) that is 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,

and is attended by participants consisting wholly or mainly of permitted enterprise workers of the permitted enterprise.

Requirements for occupier of business event venue

15B.—(1) An occupier of a venue where a business event in regulation 15A takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1) for the business event;
 - (ii) the contact-tracing requirement;
 - (iii) the basic entry controls;
 - (iv) the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(2) for the business event;
 - (v) the cleaning requirement; and
- (b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the business event, between any participant at the business event and any non-participant within the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place.

(2) In addition to paragraph (1), where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in or during the business event in regulation 15A, and any participant of the business event —

- (a) is not a permitted enterprise worker of the organiser of the business event; or
- (b) is a permitted enterprise worker who does not regularly deliver goods or perform services connected to the business, undertaking or work of the organiser of the business event,

an occupier of a venue where the business event takes place, or is to take place, must establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the business event, enhanced entry controls with respect to the business event.

Requirements for organiser of business event

15C.—(1) An organiser of a business event in regulation 15B must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the business event, none of the following is engaged in or provided by any one in the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) singing;
 - (ii) playing of a wind musical instrument;
- (b) to ensure that no verbal exhortations 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, are made during the business event; and
- (c) to comply with the prevailing rule requirement (if applicable) during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place, subject to the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(2) for the business event.

(2) In addition, an organiser of a business event must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the business event, every participant and non-participant in the venue where the business event is taking place are each wearing a mask if the participant or non-participant (as the case may be) is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked.

Division 2 — Customer facing business events

Customer facing business events

15D. This Division applies to a business event that is not a major business event and organised by or on behalf of a

permitted enterprise other than a business event described in regulation 15A, and includes a business event that is for a routine supply or provision of goods or services to a consumer or otherwise at any premises or a vessel where the business, undertaking or work connected with the supply or provision of those goods or services is ordinarily carried out.

Requirements for occupier of business event venue

15E.—(1) An occupier of a venue where a business event in regulation 15D takes place, or is to take place, must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to comply with the following during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) the general physical distancing requirement in regulation 4(1A) for the business event;
 - (ii) the contact-tracing requirement;
 - (iii) the basic entry controls;
 - (iv) the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(3) for the business event;
 - (v) the cleaning requirement; and
- (b) to minimise any physical interaction during the crowd management period of the business event, between any participant at the business event and any non-participant within the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place.

(2) In addition to paragraph (1), where any defined activity is or is to be engaged in during the business event in regulation 15D, an occupier of a venue where the business event takes place, or is to take place, must —

- (a) establish and maintain, during the crowd management period of the business event, enhanced entry controls with respect to the business event; and

- (b) take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that participants in the venue are allotted and remain in cohorts during the crowd management period of the business event, as if a dining-in activity cohort, a personalised service cohort or a sporting activity cohort, as the case may be.

Requirements for organiser of business event

15F.—(1) An organiser of a business event in regulation 15D must take all reasonably practicable measures —

- (a) to ensure that during the crowd management period of the business event, none of the following is engaged in or provided by any one in the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place:
 - (i) singing;
 - (ii) playing of a wind musical instrument;
- (b) to ensure that no verbal exhortations 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, are made during the business event;
- (c) to comply with the prevailing rule requirement (if applicable) during the crowd management period of the business event and with respect to the venue where the business event takes place or is to take place, subject to the participant capacity requirement in regulation 5(3) for the business event; and
- (d) to ensure that any live performance at the business event which is not prohibited under sub-paragraph (a) —
 - (i) does not go beyond what is incidental only; and
 - (ii) is not of a substantial nature,having regard to the occasion or purpose of the business event.

(2) In addition, an organiser of a business event must take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that at all times during the crowd management period of the business event, every participant and non-participant in the venue where the business event is taking place are each wearing a mask if the participant or non-participant (as the case may be) is not authorised under any Control Order to not wear a mask or he or she does not have a reasonable excuse to be unmasked.

PART 4

GENERAL”.

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