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

# COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 11) REGULATIONS 2020

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 2020 and come into operation on 4 August 2020.

## 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 after the definition of "funeral event", the following definitions:
    - ""guest", in relation to the solemnization of a marriage or a wedding connected with the celebration of a marriage, means an individual who is invited to attend the solemnization or wedding (as the case may be) but excludes any of the following:
      - (a) a party to the marriage;
      - (b) a solemnizer of the marriage;
      - (c) a permitted enterprise engaged to organise the solemnization 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 marriage;
- (d) a permitted enterprise worker of a permitted enterprise in paragraph (c) who is at work in relation to the solemnization or wedding;

"in the course of employment" includes in the course of work as a self-employed person;";

- (b) by deleting the words "in a room or place" where they first appear in the definition of "maximum permissible group size";
- (c) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of "maximum permissible group size" and substituting the following paragraphs:
  - "(a) if the gathering is other than in a place of residence, and is for a solemnization of a marriage or is a wedding in connection with the celebration of a marriage
    - (i) the total number of 48 guests of the solemnization or wedding (as the case may be), the parties to the marriage and any solemnizer of the marriage if proceedings to solemnize are involved; or

(ii) the maximum number of individuals which the room or place where the solemnization or wedding is taking accommodate place may regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12 are complied with as if the room or place were permitted premises, every guest of the solemnization or wedding were a customer and the organiser permitted were a enterprise,

whichever number is the lower;

- (aa) if the gathering is in a place of residence and is for a solemnization of a marriage—the total number of 8 guests of the solemnization (who may or may not be ordinarily resident in that place), the parties to the marriage and any solemnizer of the marriage;";
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words "funeral event" in paragraph (b) of the definition of "maximum permissible group size", the words "in a room or place";
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words "a place of residence" in paragraph (d) of the definition of "maximum permissible group size", the words "other than for the purpose of solemnizing a marriage";
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "room", the following definitions:
  - ""solemnization of a marriage" means a ceremony at which a marriage is solemnized according to proceedings prescribed by written law, 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 except regulation 7A(1);

- "solemnization special cohort", for a solemnization of a marriage, means a gathering not exceeding 20 individuals attending the solemnization, the composition of which
  - (a) includes the parties to the marriage and not more than 2 individuals required by written law to witness or attest the doing of anything by those parties at the solemnization of the marriage; and
  - (b) does not change during the solemnization of the marriage;
- "solemnizer" has the meaning given by regulation 7A(3);
- "solemnizer of a marriage" means a solemnizer who is effecting that marriage in accordance with
  - (a) the Muslim law and the Administration of Muslim Law Act (Cap. 3); or

- (b) the Women's Charter (Cap. 353);"; and
- (g) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of "wear" and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:
  - ""wedding" means an organised gathering of individuals in connection with the celebration of a marriage, being a marriage
    - (a) entered into not more than 12 months before the date of the gathering, or the start of it if the gathering is on more than one day; and
    - (b) in respect of which no organised gathering has earlier taken place in connection with the celebration of that marriage;

#### Examples

Wedding reception or wedding dinner.

- "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
  - (a) by deleting the word "or" at the end of paragraph (b); and

- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (c) and substituting the word "; or", and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
  - "(d) if the individual is the bride or the groom during a solemnization of their marriage or a wedding held in connection with the celebration of their marriage.".

## Amendment of regulation 4

- **4.** Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended
  - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "(Cap. 353)" in paragraph (3)(ia)(i), the words "or an organised gathering of individuals made in connection with the celebration of such a marriage"; and
  - (b) by deleting the word "An" in paragraph (4) and substituting the words "Except to the extent allowed under regulation 7A for a solemnization of a marriage taking place in a place of residence and for the period of the ceremony, an".

# Amendment of regulation 6

- **5.** Regulation 6(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
  - "(d) where the gathering is for a solemnization of a marriage, a wedding or a funeral event so long as the gathering does not exceed the maximum permissible group size for the solemnization, wedding or funeral event, as the case may be; or".

# Amendment of regulation 7

**6.** Regulation 7(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (a) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

## "(a) is part of —

- (i) a gathering that is a solemnization special cohort and the other individual is also allocated to that solemnization special cohort;
- (ii) a gathering that is a wedding special cohort and the other individual is also allocated to that wedding special cohort; or
- (iii) a gathering not exceeding 5 individuals for a purpose that is not performing work as, for or with a permitted enterprise and the other individual is part of that same gathering;".

## Amendment of regulation 7A

- 7. Regulation 7A of the principal Regulations is amended
  - (a) by deleting the words "8 individuals, excluding the bride, groom and solemnizer" in paragraph (1)(b)(i)(A) and substituting the words "the maximum permissible group size for a solemnization of a marriage in a place of residence";
  - (b) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:
    - "(2) An organiser of a solemnization of a marriage taking place in any room or place that is a place of residence must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps
      - (a) to establish and apply appropriate procedures and controls (jointly with another or otherwise) during the solemnization of the marriage that enable or facilitate contact tracing of
        - (i) every guest of the solemnization of the marriage 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 the conduct of proceedings in the solemnization of the marriage;
- (b) to ensure that the gathering of individuals attending the solemnization of the marriage in the room or place does not during the solemnization of the marriage exceed the maximum permissible group size for the solemnization of the marriage in that room or place;
- (c) to ensure that no food or drink is supplied or consumed in the room or place during the solemnization of the marriage; and
- (d) to ensure that a party to the marriage maintains an appropriate longer distance than one metre from any guest of the solemnization of the marriage, 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 solemnization of the marriage.
- (2A) An organiser of a solemnization of a marriage taking place in any room or place that is not in a place of residence must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps
  - (a) to establish and apply appropriate procedures and controls (jointly with another or otherwise) during the solemnization of the marriage that enable or facilitate contact tracing of
    - (i) every guest of the solemnization of the marriage 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 the conduct of proceedings in the solemnization of the marriage;
- (b) to allocate guests of the solemnization of the marriage into either of the following cohorts, and to arrange for them to be seated accordingly:
  - (i) the solemnization special cohort at the solemnization of the marriage;
  - (ii) a cohort of 5 or fewer guests;
- (c) to minimise physical interaction during the solemnization of the marriage between guests of the solemnization of the marriage unless they are
  - (i) all from the solemnization special cohort; or
  - (ii) all from the same cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (*b*)(ii);
- (d) to ensure that the composition of guests attending the solemnization of the marriage does not change during the solemnization of the marriage;
- (e) to ensure that the gathering of individuals attending the solemnization of the marriage in the room or place does not during the solemnization of the marriage exceed the maximum permissible group size for the solemnization of the marriage in that room or place;

- (f) to ensure that regulations 10B(1)(k) and 12 are complied with during the solemnization of the marriage as if
  - (i) the room or place were permitted premises, every guest attending the solemnization of the marriage 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 solemnization special cohort and the cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (b), respectively; and
  - (iii) the reference to 5 individuals in regulation 12(1)(a)(ii) were a reference to the solemnization special cohort and the cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (b), respectively;
- (g) to ensure that no food or drink is supplied or consumed in the room or place during the solemnization of the marriage; and
- (h) 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 solemnization of the marriage.
- (2B) A person is regarded, for the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (2A), to be an organiser of a solemnization of a marriage if the person (whether or not for reward) procures for, or supplies to, any party to the marriage, the premises and any goods and

services for the arrangements in connection with the holding of the solemnization of the marriage.

#### (2C) To avoid doubt —

- (a) paragraph (1) applies with respect to proceedings to solemnize a marriage under the Administration of Muslim Law Act or the Women's Charter even where
  - (i) 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
  - (ii) 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);
- (b) an individual does not attend a solemnization of a marriage by reason only of being
  - (i) engaged to organise the solemnization, 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 marriage; or
  - (ii) employed or engaged by a person in sub-paragraph (i) and at work in relation to the solemnization; and
- (c) this regulation does not derogate from any other requirements in these Regulations applicable to an organiser who is a

permitted enterprise unless expressly stated."; and

(c) by deleting the word "weddings" in the regulation heading and substituting the word "solemnizations".

## New regulations 8 and 8A

**8.** The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 7A, the following regulations:

## "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 in a place of residence;
  - (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) to allocate guests of the wedding 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;
  - (d) to minimise physical interaction during the wedding between guests of the wedding unless they are
    - (i) all from the wedding special cohort; or

- (ii) all from the same cohort allocated under sub-paragraph (c)(ii);
- (e) to ensure that the composition of guests attending the wedding does not change during the wedding;
- (f) 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;
- (g) 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 (c), 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 (c), respectively;
- (h) 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;
- (i) to stop the serving of liquor for consumption, and the consumption of liquor, by any individuals in the room or place after 10.30 p.m.; and
- (j) 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) A person is regarded, for the purpose of paragraph (1), to be an organiser of a wedding made in connection with the celebration of a marriage if the person (whether or not for reward) procures for, or supplies to, any party to the marriage, the premises and any goods and services for the celebration arrangements in connection with the holding of the wedding.
  - (3) To avoid doubt
    - (a) an individual does not attend a wedding 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 marriage; 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.

# Guests at solemnizations and weddings

- **8A.**—(1) An individual who is a guest at a solemnization of a marriage taking place in any room or place that is not in a place of residence must, during the solemnization of the marriage, minimise physical interaction with any other guest at the same solemnization
  - (a) who is not in the solemnization special cohort at that solemnization, if the individual is allocated under

- regulation 7A(2A)(b)(i) to the solemnization special cohort; or
- (b) who is not in the same cohort that the guest is allocated to under regulation 7A(2A)(b)(ii).
- (2) 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 regulation 8(1)(c)(i) to the wedding special cohort; or
  - (b) who is not in the same cohort that the guest is allocated to under regulation 8(1)(c)(ii)."

#### Amendment of regulation 13

**9.** Regulation 13(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting "20" in sub-paragraph (a) and substituting "30".

### Amendment of regulation 13E

10. Regulation 13E(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words "or (d)" in sub-paragraph (ab) and substituting the words ", (d) or (e)".

#### **Amendment of First Schedule**

- 11. The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended
  - (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph 4 of Part 3, the following paragraph:
    - "5. Where a solemnization of a marriage, or a wedding connected with the celebration 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(2B) or 8 (as the case may be) is complied with in addition to this Part, except that the following provisions in this Part are suspended for the duration of the solemnization or wedding, as the case may be:

- (a) paragraph 3(a) insofar as it prohibits speeches by the customers;
- (b) paragraph 3(b)(i) insofar as it prohibits any display or exhibition (whether on a television or other screen) to customers in or around the retail food and drinks establishment of any film or video recording about or relating to the marriage or any party to the marriage;
- (c) paragraph 3(b)(iii) insofar as it prohibits any speech using real-time transmission happening elsewhere;
- (d) paragraph 3(c) insofar as it prohibits making audible for customers in or around the retail food and drinks establishment any speech using real-time transmission."; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph 1 of Part 5, the following paragraph:
  - "2.—(1) However, 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 or brass musical instruments must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that every class of its customers taking lessons, coaching or instruction—
    - (a) in voice training, speech and drama or playing of wind or brass musical instruments at its permitted premises does not, at any time during the conduct of lessons, coaching or instruction, exceed 5 individuals, one of whom must be an instructor, a teacher or supervisor of that class and a permitted enterprise worker; or
    - (b) in singing at its permitted premises does not, at any time during the conduct of lessons, coaching or instruction, exceed 2 individuals, one of whom must be an instructor, a teacher or supervisor of that class and a permitted enterprise worker.
  - (2) 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 or brass musical instruments must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure —

- (a) that every customer taking lessons, coaching or instruction at its permitted premises maintains an appropriately longer distance from another customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker during the conduct of those lessons, coaching or instruction;
- (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 on its permitted premises.".

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