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

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT NO. 19) 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. 19) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 3 December 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 deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (e) of the definition of “maximum permissible group size”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(ea) if the gathering in a room or place is that allowed under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 927/2020) — the maximum number allowed under those Regulations for that gathering; or”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “maximum permissible group size”, the following definition:

““media conference” has the meaning given by regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020;” and

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “retail food and drinks establishment”, the following definition:

““retail liquor business” has the meaning given by regulation 13(3);”.

Amendment of regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “enter and remain” in paragraphs (4) and (5) and substituting in each case the words “enter or remain”.

Amendment of regulation 6

4. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “An individual” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “Subject to paragraph (1A), an individual”; and

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

“(1A) Paragraph (1)(c)(i) does not apply to gathering in a place where a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on.”.

New regulation 6A

5. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 6, the following regulation:

“Special restrictions

6A. Where an individual is a member of a cohort that complies with regulation 6(1)(c)(ii) when entering a place where a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on, the individual must not intentionally, any time when remaining in the place —

- (a) become a member of any other cohort in that same place, regardless that the other cohort complies with regulation 6(1)(c)(ii); or
- (b) stop being a member of the cohort except to leave the place.”.

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 (c); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (d) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(e) is performing in a live performance or engaging in any other activity, and in a circumstance that the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 allows for a shorter or no distance between individuals.”.

Amendment of regulation 7A

7. Regulation 7A of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:
 - “(1A) An organiser of a solemnization of a marriage must not hold the solemnization in a place at which a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on.”;

(b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (2), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(ca) 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; and”;

(c) by deleting the words “enter and remain” in paragraph (2A)(aa) and substituting the words “enter or remain”; and

(d) by deleting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph (2A), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(ga) 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; and”.

Amendment of regulation 8

8. Regulation 8(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “residence” in sub-paragraph (a), the words “or a place at which a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on”.

Amendment of regulation 10B

9. Regulation 10B(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

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

“(j) as far as is reasonably practicable, minimise physical interaction between customers, visitors and permitted enterprise workers in the permitted premises;

Illustrations

Wait staff in a bar or pub may be allowed to talk to customers only to take or serve orders, or accept payment.

Reminding customers seated in different cohorts to refrain from engaging in interactions with customers not in the same cohort, such as talking to each other across tables.”; and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (m) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(n) take all reasonably practicable measures to ensure that every cohort that is part of a larger gathering within the permitted premises and comprising customers or visitors or both, consists of not more than the number of individuals allowed under regulation 6(1)(c), 7A(2A)(b) or 8(1)(c), whichever is applicable.”.

Amendment of regulation 13

10. Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (1)(e);

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph (1) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(g) that carries on a retail liquor business at its permitted premises must take, so far as is reasonably practicable, steps to ensure that the measures specified in Part 7 of the First Schedule are complied with, in relation to that business.”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “function centre” in paragraph (3), the following definition:

““hostessing service” means a service consisting of providing companionship to one or more customers, through conversation with or without consumption of liquor, but does not include conversation solely for the purpose of taking orders, serving of food or drinks or arranging for, making or accepting payment;”;
and

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “retail food and drinks establishment” in paragraph (3), the following definition:

““retail liquor business” means a business the principal purpose of which is to supply at a place or premises liquor for immediate consumption on the place or premises, and that —

(a) is not part of a retail food and drinks establishment, and is not the subject of a licence issued under section 32 of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95) that is stated to be a Foodshop (Restaurant) or Foodshop (Snack Counter) licence; and

(b) is or may reasonably be characterised as a pub or bar, but not a nightclub or hostessing club;”.

Amendment of regulation 13F

11. Regulation 13F of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (5), the following paragraph:

“(6) Paragraphs (2) and (3) do not apply to allow an event that is the holding of a media conference; and to avoid doubt, this regulation does not prohibit a permitted enterprise causing an

event involving an organised gathering in person that is a media conference if that is in compliance with the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

12. The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the Schedule reference and substituting the following Schedule reference:

“Regulations 2, 4, 13 and 13F”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “a live performance” in paragraph 1 of Part 6, the words “or a media conference”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words “audience members” in paragraph 1 of Part 6, the words “at the live performance or individuals present at the media conference (as the case may be)”; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after Part 6, the following Part:

“PART 7

RETAIL LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

1. The permitted enterprise carrying on a retail liquor business must comply with the requirements in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of Part 3 of this Schedule in respect of its permitted premises where it carries on the retail liquor business as though those premises were a retail food and drinks establishment.

2.—(1) The permitted enterprise must provide and maintain, in accordance with this paragraph, in or on its permitted premises where it carries on a retail liquor business, an electronic video surveillance system as to enable recording of activities taking place at the following parts of the permitted premises:

(a) any point of entry to and exit from the permitted premises, including emergency exits;

(b) any part of the premises used permanently and primarily for the consumption at tables of food or drink served otherwise than by self-service;

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- (c) any other part of the permitted premises where a customer or visitor may use to remain seated in or congregate in (even if standing), but is not a toilet or bathing area;
 - (d) any part of the permitted premises where a customer or visitor may use to pass through the premises and is not expected to remain seated or congregate in.
 - (2) The electronic video surveillance system mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) must —
 - (a) consist of an adequate number of closed-circuit television cameras or other electronic visual monitoring devices installed at suitable locations in or on the permitted premises where the permitted enterprise carries on a retail liquor business, for the purpose in sub-paragraph (1);
 - (b) be capable of recording colour images —
 - (i) at the resolution of HD 1080: 1920×1080 pixels or equivalent;
 - (ii) at 12 frames per second; and
 - (iii) under low lighting conditions; and
 - (c) be in good order and operational at all times when the permitted premises are open for the retail liquor business.
 - (3) The permitted enterprise must —
 - (a) keep each recording made using the electronic video surveillance system required by this paragraph for a period of not less than 28 days after the date the recording is made; and
 - (b) display a sign at a prominent location within the permitted premises, stating that the premises are under CCTV surveillance.
 - 3. The permitted enterprise carrying on a retail liquor business at its permitted premises must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure the following when the permitted premises are open for the retail liquor business:
 - (a) that every customer who enters and remains in its permitted premises wears a mask at all times in accordance with regulation 3A;

(b) that every cohort of customers or visitors allowed to enter or remain in the permitted premises consists of not more than 5 individuals at any time, despite regulation 10B(1)(n).

4. The permitted enterprise carrying on a retail liquor business at its permitted premises must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that no customer, visitor or permitted enterprise worker provides any hostessing services in the permitted premises when the premises are open for the retail liquor business.”.

[G.N. Nos. S 261/2020; S 262/2020; S 273/2020; S 274/2020; S 319/2020; S 357/2020; S 359/2020; S 428/2020; S 473/2020; S 542/2020; S 669/2020; S 698/2020; S 721/2020; S 782/2020; S 816/2020; S 868/2020; S 900/2020; S 928/2020]

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