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

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) (PERFORMANCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES — CONTROL ORDER) (AMENDMENT) 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) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 3 December 2020.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Performances and Other Activities — Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 927/2020) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “dramatic work”, the following definitions:

““interviewee” means an individual who is being or is to be interviewed by an interviewer at a media conference, and includes an individual acting as a moderator or chair of proceedings at the media conference;

“interviewer” means an individual who is conducting or is to conduct an interview of, or is asking or is to ask questions of, an interviewee at a media conference;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “is or is to be staged” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “live performance venue”, the words “, provided the room is not within a place where a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on”;

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

““media conference” means a meeting or gathering in person that —

(a) is attended mainly by recognised reporters, or intended mainly for recognised reporters to attend;

(b) is organised for the primary purpose of distributing information to, and answering questions from, 2 or more providers of radio, television, newspaper and other mass media services so as to obtain publicity for a particular matter; and

(c) is conducted wholly in an indoor seated area;”;

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

““promoter”, of a media conference, means a person (whether or not a permitted enterprise and whether jointly or otherwise) who has charge and control of the organisation of and other arrangements necessary for the media conference to be held, and includes any person on whose behalf a media conference is or is being held;

“recognised reporter”, in relation to a media conference, means an individual who —

(a) is authorised by a provider of radio, television, newspaper or other mass media services; and

(b) is invited by a promoter of the media conference,

to be an interviewer during or to otherwise attend the media conference;

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

Amendment of regulation 3

3. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “these Regulations apply” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “Part 2 applies”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

“(4) Part 3 applies to and in relation to any media conference held on or after 3 December 2020.

(5) Part 3 applies despite regulation 8(2)(e) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories — Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 781/2020) if the media conference is allowed to take place in a specified dormitory.”.

Amendment of regulation 5

4. Regulation 5(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “purpose of that live performance” in sub-paragraph (b), the words “, so long as the permitted premises are not a place where a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on”.

Amendment of regulation 11

5. Regulation 11(2) of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “of the permitted enterprise” in sub-paragraph (a), the words “, so long as the permitted premises are not a place where a retail liquor business is for the time being carried on”.

Amendment of regulation 13

6. Regulation 13(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting “250” in sub-paragraph (a)(ii) and substituting “1,000”.

New Part 3

7. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 19, the following Part:

“PART 3

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR
MEDIA CONFERENCES

Division 1 — Promoter of media conference

Permissible venue for media conference

20. A promoter of a media conference may hold, or cause or allow to be held, the media conference in any place that is not an ordinary place of residence of the promoter or an interviewee at the media conference.

Attendance at media conference

21.—(1) A promoter of a media conference must not intentionally or negligently allow any individual to enter or remain in the place where the media conference is being held, where the promoter knows that, or is reckless as to whether, the individual is not any of the following:

- (a) a recognised reporter for the media conference;
- (b) an interviewee at the media conference;

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- (c) a permitted enterprise worker of a permitted enterprise providing any of the following services in connection with the conduct of the media conference, and who is at work as such a permitted enterprise worker:
- (i) the place, tentage, furniture, furnishings, lighting, sound or other equipment for hire;
 - (ii) any flowers, decorations or other paraphernalia for hire;
- (d) an individual who has a lawful reason to enter or remain in that place or to attend the media conference.

(2) A promoter of a media conference must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the total number of individuals present in the place where the media conference is held does not, at any time during the media conference, exceed the lower of the following:

- (a) 30;
- (b) the maximum number of individuals which the place may accommodate if regulations 10A, 10B(1)(k), 12 and 13E(1)(d) and the First Schedule (where applicable) to the Main Control Order are complied with.

Interviewees who may be allowed unmasked, etc.

22.—(1) A promoter of a media conference must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps —

- (a) to ensure that every interviewee is at all times during the media conference seated or standing at least one metre away from any other interviewee at the same media conference; and
- (b) to minimise any physical interaction between any interviewee and any recognised reporter during the media conference.

(2) A promoter of a media conference must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that at all times during the media conference —

- (a) not more than 10 interviewees are unmasked; and
- (b) every recognised reporter attending the media conference in person is each wearing a mask.

Recognised reporters

23. A promoter of a media conference held in a place must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that every recognised reporter attending at the media conference is, at all times during the media conference —

- (a) seated or standing;
- (b) at least 3 metres away from any interviewee of that media conference; and
- (c) at least one metre away from any other recognised reporter, and any other individual who is not an interviewee, in that place.

Banned activities at media conference

24. A promoter of a media conference must take (or cause to be taken) all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that none of the following activities are engaged in during the media conference, by any individuals present during the media conference:

- (a) any variety act, singing or dancing, or playing of a wind musical instrument;
- (b) any organised competition of games of skill or chance;
- (c) any consumption of any food or any drink other than water.

Division 2 — Venue occupier

Special contact tracing by function centre

25. A person who hires out the place where a media conference is being or is to be held but is not a promoter of the media conference must, as far as is reasonably practicable, establish and apply appropriate procedures and controls specially relating to the media conference that enable or facilitate contact tracing of every individual mentioned in regulation 21(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d) who enters that place in connection with the media conference, in addition to the requirements in the Main Control Order.

No serving or supply of food or drink

26. A person who hires out the place where a media conference is being or is to be held but is not a promoter of the media conference must, in addition to the requirements in the Main Control Order, ensure that during the period of the media conference, no food or drinks (other than water) is supplied or served by any individual within that place.

Division 3 — Interviewees

Mask wearing

27. During the media conference, an interviewee at the media conference must not be unmasked if 10 other interviewees at the same media conference are unmasked at that same time.

Maintaining distance

28. During the media conference at any place, an interviewee at the media conference —

- (a) must either be seated or standing generally in a fixed position;
- (b) must at all times be at least one metre away from any other interviewee and any other individual mentioned in regulation 21(1)(c) present at that place, subject to paragraph (c); and

- (c) must at all times be at least 3 metres away from —
- (i) any recognised reporter attending the media conference at the place; and
 - (ii) any other individual who is not a recognised reporter but is attending the media conference at that place.”.

Made on 1 December 2020.

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