

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

**2021 No. 10**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021**

*Made - - - - 18th January 2021  
Coming into operation in accordance with  
regulation 1(2) and (3)*

The Department of Health <sup>M1</sup> makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25B and 25F(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 <sup>M2</sup>.

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see [2016 c. 5 \(N.I.\), s. 1\(5\)](#)  
**M2** [1967 c. 36 \(N.I.\)](#). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the [Coronavirus Act 2020 \(c. 7\)](#)

**Citation and commencement**

<sup>F1</sup>1. ....

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** [Reg. 1](#) revoked (16.4.2021 at 4.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/102\)](#), regs. 1(2), **14(d)** (with regs. 13, 15)

**Interpretation**

<sup>F2</sup>2. ....

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021. (See end of Document for details)

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** Reg. 2 revoked (16.4.2021 at 4.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/102\)](#), regs. 1(2), **14(d)** (with regs. 13, 15)

**F3** **PART 1**

**Pre-Departure Testing**

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Pt. 1 revoked (16.4.2021 at 4.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/99\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 9 Pt. 2** (with regs. 37, 39, 40)

**Amendment of the principal Regulations**

3. ....

**Transitional and saving provision**

4. ....

**F4** **PART 2**

**Operator liability in respect of arrivals**

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** Pt. 2 revoked (16.4.2021 at 4.00 a.m.) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(S.R. 2021/102\)](#), regs. 1(2), **14(d)** (with regs. 13, 15)

**Interpretation of Part 2**

5. ....

**Requirement to ensure passengers have completed a Passenger Locator Form**

6. ....

**Requirement to ensure passengers possess notification of negative test result**

7. ....

**Offences**

8. ....

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**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Pre-Departure Testing and Operator Liability) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021. (See end of Document for details)*

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**Power to use and disclose information**

**9.** .....

**Review**

**10.** .....

**Expiry**

**11.** .....

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 18th January 2021

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*Robin Swann*  
Minister of Health

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Part 1 of these Regulations amends the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (S.R. 2020 No. 90) to introduce a requirement for persons travelling to Northern Ireland from outside the open borders area comprising the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland (the “common travel area” by virtue of section 1(3) of the Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)) to possess a notification of a negative coronavirus test upon arrival in Northern Ireland.

Part 2 of these Regulations introduces requirements for persons operating commercial transport services (“operators”) for passengers travelling to Northern Ireland from outside the common travel area to ensure that passengers who arrive in Northern Ireland on such services have completed a Passenger Locator Form (regulation 6(1)) and possess notification of a negative test result (regulation 7(1)). Breach of the requirements is an offence (regulation 8(1)).

Upon completion of the Passenger Locator Form, passengers receive a unique passenger reference number from the Home Office. An operator who has recorded a unique passenger reference number in the format used by the Home Office will have a defence to the offence in regulation 8(1)(a) (regulation 8(3)).

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations

**Changes to legislation:**

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