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PUBLIC HEALTH

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - - - 30th July 2020

Coming into operation - - - - - 31st July 2020

The Department of Health^(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25B and 25F(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967^(b).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 31st July 2020.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020^(c).

Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

2.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 6.

(2) In relation to any person who arrived in Northern Ireland on or after 10th July 2020 and before the coming into operation of any amendment made by regulation 5 the principal Regulations apply as if that amendment had not been made.

Amendments to regulation 4

3. In regulation 4 (requirement to self-isolate), after paragraph (8) insert—

“(8A) Paragraph (2) does not require P to remain in isolation from a person (“V”) when V is at the place where P is self-isolating—

- (a) to provide emergency assistance,
- (b) to provide care or assistance, including personal care within the meaning of paragraph 1(1B) or 7(3B) of Schedule 2 to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups (Northern Ireland) Order 2007^(d), to P or to any other person who is living in the place where P is self-isolating,

(a) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s. 1(5)
(b) 1967 c. 36 (N.I.). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7)
(c) S.R. 2020 No. 90 as amended by S.R. 2020 Nos. 138, 140, 154 and 155
(d) S.I. 2007/1351 (N.I. 11). Paragraphs 1(1B) and 7(3B) were inserted by 2012 c. 9

- (c) to provide medical assistance including to provide any of the services mentioned in paragraph (9)(b), to P or to any other person who is living in the place where P is self-isolating, where this is required urgently or on the advice of a registered medical practitioner,
- (d) to provide veterinary services, where this is required urgently or on the advice of a veterinary surgeon,
- (e) to provide critical public services, including those mentioned in paragraph (9)(h).".

Amendments to Schedule 2

4. In Schedule 2 (persons not required to comply with regulation 3 or 4)—

- (a) in paragraph 2(1)(a), for “14 days of their arrival” substitute “the period during which they would, but for this paragraph, have had to self-isolate in accordance with regulation 4”,
- (b) in paragraph 3(1)(b)—
 - (i) for “immediately preceding their arrival” substitute “ending with the day immediately preceding the day of their arrival in the United Kingdom”,
 - (ii) after “visiting force” insert “, where they have not disembarked”,
 - (iii) for “immediately preceding its arrival” substitute “ending with the day of its arrival”,
- (c) in paragraph 4(a), for “14 days of arrival” substitute “the period during which they would, but for this paragraph, have had to self-isolate in accordance with regulation 4”,
- (d) in paragraph 13(1)(a), for “14 days of their arrival” substitute “the period during which they would, but for this paragraph, have had to self-isolate in accordance with regulation 4”,
- (e) in paragraph 24(1), for “14 days of their arrival” substitute “the period during which they would, but for this paragraph, have had to self-isolate in accordance with regulation 4”,
- (f) omit paragraph 30.

Amendments to Schedule 3

5. In Part 1 of Schedule 3 (exempt countries and territories), omit “Luxembourg”.

Amendments to Schedule 4

6. In Schedule 4 (specified competitions)—

- (a) omit the following entries—
 - (i) “Professional Darts Corporation Summer Series”,
 - (ii) “Professional Golfers’ Association Betfred British Masters Championship”,
 - (iii) “Moët & Chandon July Festival horse-racing”,
 - (iv) “QIPCO King George Diamond Weekend horse-racing”,
- (b) at the end insert—

“Football Association International Football Fixtures

Cricket Ireland International Cricket Fixtures

England & Wales Cricket Board International Cricket Fixtures

European Tour Golf - The Irish Challenge

London Marathon

St Leger Festival horse-racing

Dubai Future Champions Festival horse-racing
QIPCO British Champions Day horse-racing
The Showcase meeting Cheltenham horse-racing
FIH Pro League hockey fixtures
Rugby Football Union Autumn Internationals
European Professional Club Rugby Fixtures
Guinness PRO14 Rugby Football Union Fixtures
ATP Tour Finals tennis”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 30th July 2020

(L.S.)

Robin Swann
Minister of Health

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (“The International Travel Regulations”).

They amend regulation 4 of the International Travel Regulations to provide that a person who is required to be in self-isolation is not required to isolate themselves from a visitor to the place where they are self-isolating if the visitor is there to provide certain services including care and medical assistance.

They amend Schedule 2 to remove the exemption from the requirement to self-isolate for certain health or care professionals.

They amend Schedule 3 to omit Luxembourg from a list of exempt countries and territories from the requirement in regulation 4 of the International Travel Regulations to self-isolate for 14 days after their arrival in Northern Ireland.

They amend the list of specified competitions in Schedule 4 (which is relevant to the exemption from the requirement to self-isolate for elite sportspersons).

They also make a number of minor amendments.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

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