
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 179

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Advice for Persons Travelling to Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - - 14th August 2020

Coming into operation in accordance with Regulation 1

The Department of Health⁽¹⁾ makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25B and 25F(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967⁽²⁾.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel and Public Health Advice for Persons Travelling to Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) Regulation 2(4) shall come into operation at 4.00am on 15th August 2020.

(3) The remainder of the Regulations shall come into operation at 4.00am on 18th August 2020.

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

2.—(1) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020⁽³⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (Interpretation), for paragraph (4) substitute—

“(4) For the purposes of these Regulations, a person (“P”) is not treated as arriving in, departing from or transiting through a country or territory if, at all times whilst in that country or territory—

(a) P remains on a conveyance and no other passenger is permitted to be taken on board, or

(b) P is kept separated from passengers who did not arrive on the same conveyance.”.

(1) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see [2016 c. 5 \(N.I.\)](#), s. 1(5)

(2) [1967 c. 36 \(N.I.\)](#). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7)

(3) [S.R. 2020 No. 90](#) as amended by S.R. 2020 Nos. [138](#), [140](#), [154](#), [155](#), [163](#) and [168](#)

- (3) In regulation 4 (Requirement to self-isolate) —
- (a) for sub-paragraph (j) of paragraph (9) substitute—
- “(j) to take exercise alone or with members of P’s household, or”.
- (4) In regulation 11 (Review of need for restrictions), for the words “every 21 days” substitute “every 28 days” and for the words “by 29 June 2020” substitute “by 7 September 2020”.
- (5) For Schedule 3 (Exempt countries and Territories), substitute Schedule 3 as set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.
- (6) In Schedule 4 (Specified competitions)—
- (a) insert the following entries at the appropriate place in alphabetical order—
- “Dubai Duty Free Irish Open Golf Tournament (European Tour)”;
- “The Northern Ireland Golf Open Tournament (European Challenge Tour supported by the R&A”;
- and
- (b) Omit “European Tour Golf - The Irish Challenge”.
- (7) 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 these Regulations the principal Regulations apply as if that amendment had not been made.

Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Advice for Persons Travelling to Northern Ireland) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

3.—(1) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Advice for Persons Travelling to Northern Ireland) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (4) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (Review), for the words “every 21 days” substitute “every 28 days” and for the words “by 29 June 2020” substitute “by 7 September 2020”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 14th August 2020

(L.S.)

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(5)

SCHEDULE 3 TO THE HEALTH PROTECTION (CORONAVIRUS,
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN
IRELAND) 2020 AS SUBSTITUTED BY THESE REGULATIONS

“SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 2

Exempt countries and territories

Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Australia
Austria
Barbados
Bermuda
Bonaire, Sint Eustatius and Saba
British Antarctic Territory
British Indian Ocean Territory
British Virgin Islands
Brunei
Cayman Islands
Croatia
Curaçao
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Dominica
Estonia
Falkland Islands
Faroe Islands
Fiji
Finland
French Polynesia
Germany
Gibraltar
Greece
Greenland
Grenada
Guadeloupe
Hong Kong
Hungary
Iceland

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Macau
Malaysia
Mauritius
Montserrat
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Norway
Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands
Poland
Réunion
Saint Barthélemy
Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
San Marino
Seychelles
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
South Korea
The Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the Island of Cyprus
Switzerland
Taiwan
Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey
Vatican City State
Vietnam”

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”) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Public Health Advice for Persons Travelling to Northern Ireland) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 (“the Public Health Advice Regulations”).

Regulation 2 is amended to ensure those travelling to a part of the Republic of Ireland from another part of the Republic of Ireland who pass through Northern Ireland on route are not required to complete a passenger locator form provided they remain in their vehicle at all times.

Regulation 3 is amended to allow those self-isolating to leave their place of self-isolation to exercise alone or with other members of their household.

Aruba, France, Monaco, Malta, the Netherlands, and the Turks and Caicos Islands are removed from the list of exempt countries in Schedule 3.

Two golf tournaments planned for September in Northern Ireland have been added to the list of specified competitions in Schedule 4.

The review period of both regulations is amended to 28 days.