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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 193**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel)  
(Amendment No. 9) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Made* - - - - *8th September 2020*  
*at 4.00 a.m. on 9th*  
*Coming into operation* *September 2020*

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

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation at 4.00 am on 9th September 2020.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020<sup>(3)</sup>.

**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 regulations 3, 4 or 5, the principal Regulations apply as if that amendment had not been made.

**Amendments to regulation 2**

3. In regulation 2(4) (interpretation)—

(a) in paragraph (1)—

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(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, 168, 179, 185 and 189](#)

(4) The definitions of “exempt country or territory” and “non-exempt country or territory” and paragraph 4 were inserted into regulation 2 by [S.R. 2020 No. 138](#), regulation 3

- (i) in the definition of “exempt country or territory” after “a country or territory” insert “, or part of a country or territory,”;
  - (ii) in the definition of “non-exempt country or territory” after “other country or territory” insert “, or part of a country or territory,”.
- (b) in paragraph (4), for “if, at all times whilst in that country or territory” substitute “, or part of a country or territory, if, at all times whilst in that country, territory or part thereof”.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 1**

**4.** In Schedule 1 (passenger information)—

(a) after paragraph 2(h) insert—

“(hza) the part of the country or territory they are travelling from, if that part—

- (i) is specified in Schedule 3, or
- (ii) is, where the country or territory itself is specified in that Schedule, expressly excluded in relation to that country or territory,”;

(b) after paragraph 2(ha) insert—

“(hb) the part of any other country or territory which they have departed from or transited through during that period, including the dates of departure or transit, if that part—

- (i) is specified in Schedule 3, or
- (ii) is, where the country or territory itself is specified in that Schedule, expressly excluded in relation to that country or territory,”.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 3**

**5.** In Schedule 3(5) (Exempt countries and territories)—

- (a) for the heading substitute “Exempt countries, territories and parts of countries or territories”;
- (b) for “Greece” substitute “Greece excluding the islands of Lesbos, Tinos, Serifos, Crete, Mykonos, Santorini and Zakynthos”.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 4**

**6.** In Schedule 4 (Specified competitions), at the end insert—

“Cage Warriors Trilogy Series

World Boxing Organization European Super Bantamweight Championship Title

World Super Lightweight Championship Title

British Gymnastics Under 18 4-Way Match

England & Wales Cricket Board - T20 Blast

England & Wales Cricket Board - The Rachael Heyhoe Flint

Matchroom – Championship League Snooker Tournament”.

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(5) Schedule 3 was inserted by [S.R. 2020 No. 138](#), regulation 8. A revised Schedule 3 was substituted by [S.R. 2020 No. 179](#), regulation 2(5)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 8th September 2020.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

- (a) enable a regional approach to be taken to removals and additions to the list of exempt countries and territories, in Schedule 3 to the principal Regulations, from which passengers arriving in Northern Ireland are not required to self-isolate;
- (b) amend the entry for “Greece” to exclude specific Greek islands (Lesvos, Tinos, Serifos, Crete, Mykonos, Santorini and Zakynthos) from the list of exempt countries and territories, in Schedule 3;
- (c) amend the list of specified competitions in Schedule 4 to the principal Regulations, which is relevant to the exemption from the requirement to self-isolate for elite sportspersons.

Passengers are not required to self-isolate on arrival in Northern Ireland if, during the 14 days preceding their arrival, they have only been in or transited through exempt countries or territories, or exempt parts of countries or territories. Passengers who have been in or transited through a non-exempt country or territory, or a non-exempt part of a country or territory, must self-isolate until 14 days have elapsed since the day after they last left a non-exempt country or territory, or a non-exempt part of a country or territory. The changes to Schedule 3 and Schedule 1 will not affect passengers who arrive in Northern Ireland before 4.00 am on 9th September 2020.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.