EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations require the closure of businesses selling food or drink for consumption on the premises, and businesses listed in Part 2 of Schedule 2, to protect against the risks to public health arising from coronavirus, except for limited permitted uses. Businesses offering goods for sale or for hire listed in Part 3 of Schedule 2, are permitted to remain open. The Regulations also prohibit anyone leaving the place where they live without reasonable excuse, and ban public gatherings of more than two people. The closures and restrictions last until they are terminated by a direction given by the Department of Health.

The need for these restrictions must be reviewed by the Department of Health every 21 days, with the first review taking place by 18th April 2020.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.