EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021.

They make the following changes from April 23 2021:

Close contact services including driving instruction and hairdressing are permitted.

Outdoor visitor attractions including outdoor activity centres may reopen.

Equine Assisted Therapy and Learning (EATL) for up to 30 people may resume.

Outdoor sport organised by a club, individual or individuals affiliated to a sport body or organisation is permitted for squad training, and competitive sport with numbers up to 100.

Static band practice or rehearsal is permitted outdoors.

They make the following changes from 30 April 2021:

The number permitted to gather outdoors at a private dwelling is increased to 15 people from no more than 3 households.

Retail businesses may reopen.

Overnight stays are permitted in self-contained tourist accommodation for one household only.

Licensed and unlicensed premises may reopen outdoors only with a maximum of 6 people from 2 households per table with contact details recorded.

The curfew on takeaways and off licences is removed.

Activities in gyms, swimming pools and other sports venues are permitted individually, with a carer, or with a trainer or coach.

Other regulations make consequential or technical amendments.

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.