
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 ([S.R. 2021 No. 99](#)) (“the International Travel Regulations”) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 ([S.R. 2021 No. 102](#)).

Regulation 3 amends regulation 2 (Interpretation) of the International Travel Regulations to include a definition of “cruise ship”.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 4 (Requirement to provide information) of the International Travel Regulations to allow cruise ship passengers to submit their Passenger Locator Form up to 21 days before arrival.

Regulations 5 amends regulation 24 (Reasonable excuses: contravention of regulation 6) of the International Travel Regulations to include a reasonable excuse for a person who undertook a qualifying pre-departure test on board the cruise ship on which that person arrived in Northern Ireland, the result of that test was positive, and it was not reasonably practicable for that person to disembark in a country or territory other than Northern Ireland.

Regulation 6 amends Schedule 1 (Red list countries) to the International Travel Regulations to omit Bangladesh, Egypt, Kenya, Oman, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, The Maldives and Turkey.

Regulation 7 amends Schedule 2B (Criteria to be a fully vaccinated amber list arrival) to the International Travel Regulations to include within the criteria people who receive a course of doses comprising two different authorised vaccines.

Regulation 8 amends Schedule 4 (Persons who are exempt) to the International Travel Regulations to include exemptions for non dis-embarking cruise passengers and short stay cruise passengers.

Regulation 9 amends Schedule 6 (Requirement to book and undertake tests (mandatory testing after arrival in Northern Ireland)) to the International Travel Regulations in consequence of the dissolution of Public Health England, an executive agency of the Department for Health and Social Care, and the establishment of the United Kingdom Health Security Agency, also an executive agency of the Department for Health and Social Care. It also corrects two drafting errors.

Regulation 10 amends Schedule 8 (Prohibition on arrival of aircraft and vessels) to the International Travel Regulations to omit Turkey from the lists in paragraphs 1 and 2, as Turkey is omitted from Schedule 1.

Regulation 11 amends regulation 8 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 to include a defence for an operator where the relevant passenger undertook a qualifying test on board the vessel on which the relevant passenger arrived in Northern Ireland, the result of that test was positive, and it was not reasonably practicable for the relevant passenger to disembark in a country or territory other than Northern Ireland.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

<p>F1 Rule revoked (18.3.2022 at 4.00 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers) (Revocation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 (S.R. 2022/122), reg. 1(2), Sch.</p>

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel, Operator Liability and Information to Passengers) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (revoked).