STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2021 No. 99

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

PART 2

Obligations on persons arriving in Northern Ireland and others

Book and undertake tests

Requirement to book and undertake tests

8.—(1) This regulation applies in respect of a person (P) who is—

- (a) a red list arrival,
- (b) an amber list arrival, or
- (c) a green list arrival.

(2) Where P is an adult, P must on arrival in Northern Ireland possess a testing package—

- (a) for P, and
- (b) for a child aged 5 or older for whom P has responsibility and with whom P is travelling.

(3) Where P is an adult who arrives in Northern Ireland without possessing a testing package required under paragraph (2), P must as soon as practicable obtain a testing package.

(4) Where P is a child aged 5 or older and is unaccompanied by an adult, then an adult who has responsibility for P must obtain a testing package as soon as practicable after P arrives in Northern Ireland.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), where P—

- (a) is an adult, they must undertake the tests in accordance with their testing package;
- (b) is a child aged 5 or older, an adult with responsibility for P must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure that P undertakes the tests in accordance with the testing package.
- (6) Where P's day 2 test generates a positive result, P is not required to undertake a day 8 test.

(7) Where P does not undertake a test as required by this regulation by reason of a reasonable excuse (see regulation 25), P must, as soon as practicable after the matters giving rise to the reasonable excuse no longer apply, undertake a test ("a replacement test") complying with the requirements that apply to the test that was missed.

- (8) Where a replacement test is undertaken instead of—
 - (a) a day 2 test, P is to be treated as if they had undertaken a day 2 test in accordance with this regulation,
 - (b) a day 8 test, P is to be treated as if they had undertaken a day 8 test in accordance with this regulation.

(9) Schedule 6 makes further provision about day 2 and day 8 tests (including isolating if a test generates a positive result).

(10) A person who possesses a testing package must provide evidence of it if requested by an immigration officer or a constable.

(11) In this regulation—

"day 2 test" means a test which complies with paragraph 6 of Schedule 6 and is undertaken in the circumstances described in paragraph 8 of that Schedule,

"day 8 test" means a test which complies with paragraph 7 of Schedule 6 and is undertaken in the circumstances described in paragraph 8 of that Schedule,

"testing package" means-

- (a) in respect of a red list arrival or an amber list arrival, a booking for a day 2 test and a day 8 test where both tests are provided, or arranged to be provided, by the same test provider,
- (b) in respect of a green list arrival, a booking for a day 2 test.

Persons exempt from requirement to book and undertake tests

9. Schedule 4 sets out the persons who are exempt from regulation 8.