### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2021 No. 99

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

## PART 3

Prohibition on the arrival of aircraft and vessels into Northern Ireland

### Prohibition on arrival of vessels into Northern Ireland

- **18.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), this regulation applies in relation to a vessel whose last point of departure was a port in a country or territory listed in paragraph 2 of Schedule 8 ("a relevant vessel").
  - (2) This regulation does not apply in relation to—
    - (a) a commercially operated vessel carrying no passengers,
    - (b) a vessel operated by or in support of Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom,
    - (c) a vessel operated by or in support of a foreign country or territory where, prior to its arrival in Northern Ireland, a United Kingdom Government Department has provided written confirmation to the operator that the vessel is carrying passengers who are travelling to conduct official business within the United Kingdom.
- (3) An operator must not cause or permit a relevant vessel to moor at a port in Northern Ireland unless mooring at a port in Northern Ireland—
  - (a) is reasonably necessary to secure the safety of the vessel or health and safety of any person aboard it, or
  - (b) is otherwise required pursuant to a direction issued under Schedule 3A to the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.