

POLICY NOTE

The Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2020

SSI 2020/347

The above instrument was made in exercise of the power conferred by paragraph 1(1) of schedule 19 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (“the Act”). The instrument is subject to made affirmative procedure by virtue of paragraph 6(3) of schedule 19 of the Act.

These Regulations implement a levels-based approach across Scotland, as set out in the Covid-19 Strategic Framework. The Regulations set the restrictions and requirements for five different levels and set out which levels apply to different geographical areas across Scotland allowing targeted action to be taken.

Legislative background

1. The UK Coronavirus Act 2020 received Royal Assent on 25 March 2020. The Scottish Government immediately used powers conferred by that Act to bring forward regulations to implement physical distancing and impose restrictions on gatherings, events and operation of business activity. Those regulations came into force on Thursday 26 March 2020 and were revoked and replaced by the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 (“the Regulations”), which came into force on Monday 14 September 2020. A new levels-based approach will replace the previous Regulations on 2 November, when the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020 come into force.

Policy Objectives

2. These Regulations correct an error in the Health Protection (Coronavirus) (Restrictions and Requirements) (Local Levels) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, by removing the requirement for amusement arcades to close at Level 2.

Consultation

3. There has been no public consultation in relation to this instrument. The Scottish Government has informally consulted with the industry bodies affected.

Impact Assessments

4. An Equality Impact Assessment and Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment have been completed for the principal Regulations. No impact assessments have been prepared for these amending Regulations.

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