
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations impose requirements on persons (“operators”) operating commercial transport services for passengers travelling to England by sea, air or rail from outside the open borders area comprising the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland (the “common travel area” by virtue of section 1(3) of the Immigration Act 1971 (c. 77)).

Regulation 3 requires operators to ensure that passengers who arrive in England on such services, other than during an exemption period (determined in accordance with regulation 5), have been provided with certain public health information in the required manner (see regulation 4), on three separate occasions. Breach of this requirement is an offence.

Regulation 6 requires operators to keep records and to provide authorised persons (see regulation 2) with copies of those records and other information about how they are complying with the requirement to provide information to passengers. Breach of these requirements is also an offence.

Regulation 7 allows authorised persons to deal with offences under regulation 3 by a fixed penalty notice.

Regulation 8 allows authorised persons to bring prosecutions for offences under these Regulations.

Regulation 9 requires the Secretary of State to review these Regulations every 21 days.

Regulation 10 provides that these Regulations expire 12 months after they come into force.

Hard copies of the required information and the required manner in which it must be provided, and of any statements starting or ending an exemption period under regulation 5, may be obtained by completing the electronic form on the “contact us” section of the Department for Transport gov.uk page (<https://forms.dft.gov.uk/contact-dft-and-agencies/>) or by telephoning 0300 330 3000.

A full impact assessment has not been completed due to the urgent nature of this instrument. An Explanatory Memorandum has been published alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk.