
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 592

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings on Public Transport) (England) Regulations 2020

PART 1

Introductory

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings on Public Transport) (England) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 15th June 2020.

(3) These Regulations apply—

(a) in England;

(b) in English airspace to a person who is on board an aircraft which took off from, or is to land at, a place in England;

(c) in the English territorial sea to a person who is on board a vessel which is not an excluded vessel.

(4) Nothing in these Regulations applies to a person who is completing a journey on a public transport service which they started before 15th June 2020.

(5) In this regulation—

(a) “English airspace” means the airspace above England or above the English territorial sea;

(b) “the English territorial sea” means the part of the territorial sea of the United Kingdom which is adjacent to England;

(c) “excluded vessel” means a vessel⁽¹⁾ which—

(i) departed from a place other than a place in England, and

(ii) is to dock in a place other than a place in England.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“face covering” means a covering of any type which covers a person’s nose and mouth;

“public transport service” has the meaning given in paragraph (2);

“relevant person” has the meaning given in regulation 5;

“TfL” and “TfL officer” have the meanings given in regulation 5;

“vehicle” includes an aircraft, a cable car, a train and a vessel.

(1) “Vessel” is defined in section 74 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984.

(2) “Public transport service” means any service for the carriage of passengers from place to place which is available to the general public (whether or not for payment, whether or not all of the places connected by the service are in England and whether or not there are breaks in the journey) but does not include—

- (a) a school transport service;
- (b) a taxi or private hire vehicle service;
- (c) any service provided by means of a cruise ship.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)—

“school transport service” means any transport provided solely for the purpose of—

- (a) facilitating a person’s attendance at a school or other place at which they receive education or training, or
- (b) otherwise than for the reason in paragraph (a), carrying a person to and from the school or other place at which they receive education or training;

“taxi or private hire vehicle service” means a service provided by means of a vehicle licensed under—

- (a) section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847(2),
- (b) section 6 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869(3),
- (c) section 48 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976(4),
- (d) section 10 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982(5),
- (e) section 7 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998(6), or
- (f) the Plymouth City Council Act 1987(7) or any other similar local enactment.

(2) 1847 c. 89 (Regnal. 10 & 11 Vict).

(3) 1869 c. 115 (32 & 33 Vict). Section 6 was substituted by the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29), Schedule 20, paragraph 5(3) and amended by S.I. 2014/1560.

(4) 1976 c.57. Section 48 was amended by the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c.54), Schedule 3, paragraph 16(1).

(5) 1982 c. 45. Section 10 was amended by the Civil Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21), section 289G, the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67), Schedule 7, paragraph 25, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (c. 50), section 39, and the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 (asp 10), section 63.

(6) 1998 c. 34. Section 7 was amended by the Greater London Authority Act 1999, Schedule 21, paragraphs 2 and 4.

(7) 1987 c. iv. See in particular section 20 of that Act.