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The Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2020

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| <i>Made</i> | - - - - | <i>15th September 2020</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | | <i>16th September 2020</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> | - - | <i>29th September 2020</i> |

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 82(12) of the Coronavirus Act 2020(a), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 29th September 2020.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to England.

Extension of “relevant period”

2. 31st December 2020 is specified for the purposes of paragraph (b) in the definition of “relevant period” in section 82(12) of the Coronavirus Act 2020(b).

Revocation

3. The Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2020(c) are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

15th September 2020

Kelly Tolhurst
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

(a) 2020 c. 7. See section 82(12) for the meaning of “relevant national authority”.
(b) Paragraph (b) of the definition of “relevant period” provides the power to extend the relevant period. That period was extended to 30th September 2020 by S.I. 2020/602.
(c) S.I. 2020/602.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 82 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 provides that a right of re-entry or forfeiture, under a relevant business tenancy, for non-payment of rent may not be enforced, by action or otherwise, during the relevant period. “Relevant period” is defined in subsection (12) as the period starting with the day after Royal Assent and ending with 30th June 2020 (or such later date as may be specified in regulations).

The relevant period was extended to 30th September 2020 by the Business Tenancies (Protection from Forfeiture: Relevant Period) (Coronavirus) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/602).

These Regulations provide that the relevant period is extended further to 31st December 2020. They also revoke S.I. 2020/602.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument due to the temporary nature of the provision.

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