STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2021

Amendment to the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020

2.—(1) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020 are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 2B—
 - (a) in paragraph (6)(a)(ii), for "the day on which NP had the close contact which resulted in the notification described in paragraph (1)" substitute "the relevant day";
 - (b) after paragraph (7), insert—
 - "(7A) For the purposes of paragraph (6)(a), "the relevant day" means—
 - (a) where the person who has tested positive for coronavirus with whom NP has had close contact ("C") is a member of the same household as NP—
 - (i) the date which C reported to a relevant person as the date on which symptoms first developed, or
 - (ii) if C has no symptoms of coronavirus, the day on which C took the test for coronavirus which resulted in a positive result, or
 - (b) in any other case, the day on which NP had the close contact which resulted in the notification described in paragraph (1).

(7B) For the purposes of paragraph (7), where a person has received a dose of one authorised vaccine and a dose of a different authorised vaccine, that person is deemed to have completed a course of doses of an authorised vaccine.".

- (3) In regulation 2C—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)(c)(i), for "further test" substitute "further PCR test";
 - (b) after paragraph (2), insert-
 - "(3) If P is notified as described in paragraph (1)(c)(iii)—
 - (a) where P is required to self-isolate under regulation 2B, the requirements on P under regulation 2B are not affected;
 - (b) where P is participating in a testing scheme referred to in regulation 2D, the requirements on P as a participant of that testing scheme under regulation 2D are not affected.".
- (4) In regulation 2D—
 - (a) in paragraph (3)—
 - (i) at the beginning, insert "Subject to paragraph (3A),";
 - (b) after paragraph (3), insert—
 - "(3A) Paragraph (3)(a) does not apply if—

- (a) after P tested positive for coronavirus, P has taken a further PCR test, and
- (b) P has been notified that the result of the further PCR test is negative.

(3B) If P tests positive for coronavirus in the further PCR test referred to in paragraph (3A), P ceases to be eligible to participate in the testing scheme in which P was participating at the time of the test, or any other testing scheme, during the period in which P is required to self-isolate.

(3C) If, while P is participating in a testing scheme, P is notified as described in regulation 2B(1)—

- (a) P ceases to be eligible to participate in that testing scheme, but
- (b) P may participate in a subsequent testing scheme.".

(5) In regulation 5(1), after the definition of "P", insert—

""PCR test" means a polymerase chain reaction test for coronavirus;".

(6) In regulation 16(2), for "the period of 12 months beginning with the day on which they came into force" substitute "24th March 2022".