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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2021 No. 54**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel)  
(Amendment No. 8) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021**

*Made* - - - - *8th March 2021*  
*at 4.00 a.m. on 9th*  
*Coming into operation* *March 2021*

The Department of Health<sup>(1)</sup> makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25B and 25F<sup>(2)</sup> of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Amendment No. 8) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 and shall come into operation at 4.00 am on 9th March 2021.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

2. The principal Regulations are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 5.

**Amendments to Schedule 2**

3. In Schedule 2 (persons not required to comply with regulation 3 or 4), for paragraph 4E substitute—

“**4E.**—(1) A member of aircraft crew where they have travelled to the United Kingdom in the course of their work or are otherwise required to travel to the United Kingdom for work purposes.

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph—

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(1) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s. 1(5)  
(2) 1967 c. 36 (N.I.). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7)  
(3) S.R. 2020 No. 90 as amended by S.R. 2020 Nos. 138, 140, 154, 155, 163, 168, 179, 185, 189, 193, 194, 200, 203, 212, 216, 223, 228, 234, 241, 243, 244, 254, 275, 278, 289, 326, 344, and 355 and S.R. 2021 Nos. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17, 32 and 39

- (a) “A member of aircraft crew” means a person who—
  - (i) acts as a pilot, flight navigator, flight engineer or flight radiotelephony operator of the aircraft,
  - (ii) is carried on the flight deck and is appointed by the operator of the aircraft to give or to supervise the training, experience, practice and periodical tests required for the flight crew under article 114(2) of the Air Navigation Order 2016(4) or any provision of EU-OPS, or
  - (iii) is carried on the flight for the purpose of performing duties to be assigned by the operator or the pilot in command of the aircraft in the interests of the safety of passengers or of the aircraft;
- (b) travel for work purposes includes, in particular—
  - (i) where the member of aircraft crew resides outside the United Kingdom, travelling to the United Kingdom to work on an aircraft departing from the United Kingdom,
  - (ii) travelling to attend work-related training in the United Kingdom,
  - (iii) returning to the United Kingdom following work-related training outside the United Kingdom;
- (c) “EU-OPS” has the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Air Navigation Order 2016.”.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 2A**

- 4. In Schedule 2A (testing before arrival in Northern Ireland), omit paragraph 3(1)(e).

#### **Amendments to Schedule 4**

- 5. In Schedule 4 (specified competitions)—
  - (a) omit “No competitions are specified in this Schedule.”;
  - (b) insert—
    - “FIFA World Cup Qualifier fixtures
    - UEFA designated home friendly fixtures
    - UEFA European Championship Play - Offs”.

#### **Transitional and saving provision**

- 6. In relation to any person who arrived in Northern Ireland before the coming into operation of these Regulations, the principal Regulations apply as if the amendments made by regulations 3 to 5 had not been made.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 8th March 2021

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 ([S.R. 2020 No. 90](#)) (“the principal Regulations”) to—

- (a) expand the definition of aircraft crew in Schedule 2, which is relevant to exemptions from the requirements imposed by those Regulations, to include additional personnel carried on aircraft;
- (b) remove a specific exemption in Schedule 2A for those personnel, which is redundant following the above change;
- (c) update the list of specified competitions in Schedule 4, which is relevant to the exemptions for sportspersons.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.