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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2020 No. 355**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel)  
(Amendment No. 27) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Made - - - - 24th December 2020*

*Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1*

The Department of Health<sup>(1)</sup> makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25B and 25F(2) 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. 27) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation at the time and on the date that the Regulations are made.

(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.—(1) The principal Regulations are amended in accordance with regulations 3 and 4.

(2) In relation to any person who arrived in Northern Ireland on or after 10th July 2020 and before the coming into operation of any amendment made by regulation 3 the principal Regulations apply as if that amendment had not been made.

**Amendments to regulation 3**

3. In regulation 3 (requirement to provide information), after paragraph (9) insert—

“(10) Paragraph (9) does not apply in relation to a person who has arrived in Northern Ireland from South Africa or has, within the period beginning with the 14th day before the date of their arrival in Northern Ireland, departed from or transited through South Africa.”.

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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, 254, 275, 278, 289, 326 and 344

#### **Amendments to regulation 4**

4.—(1) Regulation 4 (requirement to self isolate), is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) This regulation also applies where a person (“P”) is residing at an address at which another person (D) is residing, where D is required to self-isolate under these Regulations because D has arrived in Northern Ireland from South Africa or has, within the period beginning with the 14th day before the date of D’s arrival in Northern Ireland, departed from or transited through South Africa.”.

(3) In paragraph (3)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (a), for “or (c)” substitute “;(c) or (d)”;

(b) after sub-paragraph (c), insert—

“(d) where P is a person described in paragraph (1A), at the address referred to in that paragraph.”.

(4) In paragraph (6)(c), for “(c)” substitute “(d)”.

(5) In paragraph (7), before “P must” insert “Where P is a person described in paragraph (1),”.

(6) After paragraph (7), insert—

“(7A) Where P is a person described in paragraph (1A) (residing with another person “D”), P must self-isolate until the end of the period during which, according to paragraph (7), D is required to self-isolate.”.

(7) In paragraph (12), for “If” substitute “Subject to paragraph (13), if”.

(8) After paragraph (12), insert—

“(13) Paragraph (12) does not apply in relation to a person (“D”) who has, at any time in the period beginning with the 14th day before the date of their arrival in Northern Ireland, departed from or transited through South Africa”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health at 00:1500:15 am on 24th December 2020

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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 (“The principal Regulations”) —

- (a) Ensure a person listed in regulation 3(9) of the principal Regulations is not exempt from the requirement to comply with regulation 3 of those regulations if that person has arrived in Northern Ireland from South Africa or has, within the period beginning with the 14th day before the date of their arrival in Northern Ireland, departed from or transited through South Africa (“South Africa arrivals”).
- (b) Remove exemptions from the requirement to self-isolate for people who have arrived in Northern Ireland from South Africa or who have arrived in Northern Ireland from elsewhere and, during the 14 days preceding their arrival in Northern Ireland, have been in or transited through South Africa.
- (c) Require people residing at the same address as South Africa arrivals to self-isolate.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.