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PUBLIC HEALTH

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel)
(Amendment No. 9) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021**

Made - - - - *18th March 2021*

Coming into operation - *at 4.00 a.m. on 19th March 2021*

The Department of Health^(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25B and 25F(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967^(b).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Amendment No. 9) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 and shall come into operation at 4.00 am on 19th March 2021.

(2) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020^(c).

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

2. The principal Regulations are amended in accordance with regulations 3 to 7.

Amendment to regulation 3

3. In regulation 3(10) (requirement to provide information), for “14th day” substitute “10th day”.

Amendments to regulation 4

4. In regulation 4 (requirement to self-isolate)—

- (a) in paragraph (1A) for “14th day” substitute “10th day”;
- (b) in paragraph (13) for “14th day” substitute “10th day”.

Amendment to regulation 4B

5. In regulation 4B(2)(c) (prohibition on arrival of aircraft into Northern Ireland)^(a) for “the aircraft is”, on the first occasion it appears, substitute “an aircraft”.

^(a) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s. 1(5)

^(b) 1967 c. 36 (N.I.). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7)

^(c) 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, 39 and 54

Amendments to Schedule 5

- 6.** In Schedule 5 (countries or territories subject to additional measures)—
- (a) in the appropriate places insert “Ethiopia”, “Oman”, “Qatar” and “Somalia”;
 - (b) omit the entries for “Mauritius” and “Portugal”.

Amendments to Schedule 6

- 7.** In Schedule 6 (prohibition on arrival of aircraft and vessels)—
- (a) in paragraph 1 (aircraft)—
 - (i) omit the entries for “The Azores”, “Madeira” and “Portugal”;
 - (ii) in the appropriate places insert “Ethiopia”, “Oman” and “Qatar”;
 - (b) in paragraph 2 (vessels), for “The Azores”, “Madeira” and “Portugal” substitute “No countries or territories are listed for the purposes of regulation 4C(1) (prohibition of arrival of vessels into Northern Ireland)”.

Transitional and saving provision

8. 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 7 had not been made.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 18th March 2021

(L.S.)

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(a) Paragraph (2)(c) was inserted by S.R. 2021 No. 39

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) amend the travel history period from 14 days to 10 days in relation to countries considered to be high risk and subject to additional measures;
- (b) correct a drafting error in regulation 4B;
- (c) to include “Ethiopia”, “Oman”, “Qatar” and “Somalia” in the list of countries or territories subject to additional measures in Schedule 5;
- (d) to omit “Mauritius” and “Portugal” from the list of countries or territories subject to additional measures in Schedule 5;
- (e) to omit “The Azores”, “Madeira” and “Portugal” from both the list of countries and territories referred to in regulation 4B(1) (prohibition on arrival of aircraft into Northern Ireland) and the list of countries and territories referred to in regulation 4C(1) (prohibition on arrival of vessels into Northern Ireland);
- (f) to include “Ethiopia”, “Oman” and “Qatar” in the list of countries and territories referred to in regulation 4B(1) (prohibition on arrival of aircraft into Northern Ireland).

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

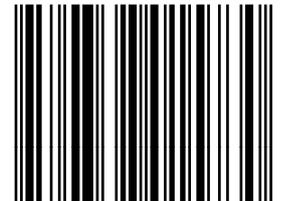
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