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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations require the closure of businesses selling food or drink for consumption on the premises, and businesses listed in Part 2 of schedule 1, to protect against the risks to public health arising from coronavirus, except in some cases. The closure lasts until a direction is given by the Scottish Ministers or the expiry of these Regulations in accordance with regulation 11. The Scottish Ministers are required to keep the need for these restrictions under review.

The Regulations also prohibit anyone leaving the place where they live without reasonable excuse, and ban public gatherings of more than two people.

The need for the restrictions in these Regulations must be reviewed by the Scottish Ministers every 21 days, with the first review being required to take place by 16 April 2020.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.