



Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020

2020 CHAPTER 12

Powers to change periods

42 Power to change duration of temporary provisions: Northern Ireland

- (1) The Department may by regulations amend a relevant provision so as to—
 - (a) curtail the period for the time being specified in that provision, or
 - (b) prolong that period by up to six months if the Department considers it reasonable to do so to mitigate an effect of coronavirus.
- (2) In this section—
 - “coronavirus” means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2);
 - “relevant provision” means—
 - (a) section 13(2),
 - (b) section 19(2),
 - (c) paragraph 1 of Schedule 8, or
 - (d) paragraph 1(3) or 18(1) of Schedule 11.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1)(a) are subject to negative resolution within the meaning of section 41(6) of the [Interpretation Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1954 \(c. 33 \(N.I.\)\)](#).
- (4) Regulations under subsection (1)(b) must be laid before the Assembly as soon as reasonably practicable after being made.
- (5) Subsection (4) does not apply if a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.
- (6) Section 41(3) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 applies for the purposes of subsection (5) in relation to the laying of a draft as it applies in relation to the laying of a statutory document under an enactment.

- (7) Regulations laid before the Assembly by virtue of subsection (4) cease to have effect at the end of the period of 40 days beginning with the day on which the regulations are made, unless during that period the regulations are approved by a resolution of the Assembly.
- (8) In calculating the period of 40 days, no account is to be taken of any time during which the Assembly is—
- (a) dissolved,
 - (b) in recess for more than 4 days, or
 - (c) adjourned for more than 6 days.
- (9) Where regulations cease to have effect as a result of subsection (7), the period specified in the relevant provision ends—
- (a) at the time it would have ended under the relevant provision if the regulations had not been made, or
 - (b) if later, at the end of the period of 40 days mentioned in subsection (7).
- (10) Where regulations cease to have effect as a result of subsection (7) that does not prevent the making of new regulations.
- (11) Regulations under this section may make—
- (a) different provision for the purposes of different relevant provisions;
 - (b) consequential, transitional or transitory provision or savings.
- (12) The power of the Department to make regulations under this section is exercisable by statutory rule for the purposes of the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1573 (N.I. 12)).
- (13) In this section—
- “the Assembly” means the Northern Ireland Assembly;
 - “the Department” means the Department for the Economy in Northern Ireland.