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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 1008

PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of ^{F1}... Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>at 2.44 p.m. on 17th September 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>at 4.45 p.m. on 17th September 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>18th September 2020</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45C(1), (3)(c), 45F(2) and 45P of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 ^{M1}.

These Regulations are made in response to the serious and imminent threat to public health which is posed by the incidence and spread of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) in England.

The Secretary of State considers that the restrictions and requirements imposed by these Regulations are proportionate to what they seek to achieve, which is a public health response to that threat.

In accordance with section 45R of that Act the Secretary of State is of the opinion that, by reason of urgency, it is necessary to make this instrument without a draft having been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

F1 Regulations: word in title omitted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), **reg. 2(2)**

Marginal Citations

M1 1984 c. 22. Part 2A was inserted by section 129 of the [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c. 14\)](#).

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of ^{F2}... Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 18th September 2020.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to England only.

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- ^{F3}(2A)
- (3) In these Regulations—
- (a) “business” includes any undertaking, whether carried on for profit or not;
 - (b) the “Principal Regulations” means [^{F4}the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020];
 - (c) “emergency period” [^{F5}means the period beginning with 18th September 2020 and ending on such day as [^{F6}the Principal Regulations cease] to have effect;]
 - [^{F7}(ca) “face covering” has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) Regulations 2020;]
 - ^{F8}(cb)
 - (d) “qualifying group” has the meaning given in [^{F9}paragraph [^{F10}4(2) of Schedule 1, or (in relation to the Tier 2 area) paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 2,] to] the Principal Regulations.
 - [^{F11}(e) “relevant area” means any place where a person is required to wear a face covering under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) Regulations 2020;
 - (f) “responsible person” means a person responsible for carrying on a business in a relevant area.]
 - [^{F12}(fa) “Tier 2 area” has the meaning given by regulation 8(4)(d) of the Principal Regulations;
 - (fb) “Tier 3 area” has the meaning given by regulation 8(4)(f) of the Principal Regulations;]
 - [^{F13}(fc) “Tier 4 area” has the meaning given by regulation 8(4)(h) of the Principal Regulations;]
 - [^{F14}(g) a place is indoors if it would be considered to be enclosed, or substantially enclosed, for the purposes of section 2 of the Health Act 2006, under the Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006;
 - [^{F15}(h) premises are located in—
 - (i) an area which is part of the Tier 2 area if any part of the premises is located in that area and no part of the premises is located in the Tier 3 area or the Tier 4 area;
 - (ii) an area which is part of the Tier 3 area if any part of the premises is located in the Tier 3 area and no part of the premises is located in the Tier 4 area;
 - (iii) an area which is part of the Tier 4 area if any part of the premises is located in the Tier 4 area.]
- (4) For the purposes of these Regulations, references to a “local authority” include references to a county council.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Word in reg. 1(1) omitted (28.9.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(3)(a)**
- F3** Reg. 1(2A) omitted (2.12.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(2)(a)** (with reg. 15)
- F4** Words in reg. 1(3)(b) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(2)(b)(i)** (with reg. 15)
- F5** Words in reg. 1(3)(c) substituted (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1103\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)(b)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))

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- F6** Words in reg. 1(3)(c) substituted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(2)(b)(ii)** (with reg. 15)
- F7** Reg. 1(3)(ca) inserted (28.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1046), regs. 1(2), **2(3)(b)(i)**
- F8** Reg. 1(3)(cb) omitted (14.10.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (High) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1104), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 3(2)(a)** (with reg. 9 and Sch. 3 para. 5(1A) (as inserted (23.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium, High and Very High) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1154), regs. 1(3), **3(4))**)
- F9** Words in reg. 1(3)(d) substituted (14.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)(c)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))
- F10** Words in reg. 1(3)(d) substituted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(2)(b)(iii)** (with reg. 15)
- F11** Reg. 1(3)(e)(f) inserted (28.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1046), regs. 1(2), **2(3)(b)(ii)**
- F12** Reg. 1(3)(fa)(fb) substituted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(2)(b)(iv)** (with reg. 15)
- F13** Reg. 1(3)(fc) inserted (20.12.2020 at 7.00am) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers and Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1611), regs. 1(2), **3(2)(a)**
- F14** Reg. 1(3)(g)(h) inserted (30.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England, North East and North West of England and Obligations of Undertakings) (England) etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1057), regs. 1(2), **4(2)(b)** (with reg. 6)
- F15** Reg. 1(3)(h) substituted (20.12.2020 at 7.00am) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers and Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1611), regs. 1(2), **3(2)(b)**

Commencement Information

- I1** Reg. 1 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

[^{F16}Restrictions in relation to relevant premises

1A.—(1) A person who operates or occupies relevant premises [^{F17}in an area which is not part of the [^{F18}Tier 2 area [^{F19}...]] [^{F20}, the Tier 3 area or the Tier 4 area [^{F19}... must, during the emergency period, take all reasonable measures to ensure that—

- (a) no bookings are accepted for a group of more than six persons unless one of the exemptions in [^{F21}paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to] the Principal Regulations applies;
- (b) no persons are admitted to the premises in a group of more than six, unless one of the exemptions in [^{F22}paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to] the Principal Regulations applies;
- (c) no person joins another group or otherwise acts in a way which would contravene the Principal Regulations.

[^{F23}(1A) A person who operates or occupies relevant premises in the [^{F24}Tier 2 area [^{F25}...]] must, during the emergency period, take all reasonable measures to ensure that—

- (a) no bookings are accepted—
 - (i) for a group of more than six, where the group is to be located outdoors, unless one of the exceptions in [^{F26}paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Regulations] applies;

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- (ii) for a group of two or more persons to be located indoors at the premises unless one of the exceptions in [^{F27}paragraph 4 or 5 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Regulations] applies;
- (b) no persons are admitted to the premises in—
 - (i) a group of more than six, where the group is to be located outdoors, unless one of the exceptions in [^{F28}paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Regulations] applies, or
 - (ii) a group of two or more persons, where the group is to be located indoors, unless one of the exceptions in [^{F29}paragraph 4 or 5 of Schedule 2 to the Principal Regulations] applies;
- (c) no person joins another group or otherwise acts in a way which would contravene the [^{F30}Principal] Regulations.]

^{F31}(1B)

[^{F32}(1C) A person who operates or occupies relevant premises in the Tier 3 area must, during the emergency period, take all reasonable measures to ensure that—

- (a) no bookings are accepted for—
 - (i) a group of more than six persons, where the group is to be located in a place which satisfies the conditions in paragraph 2(4) of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations (“a relevant place”), unless one of the exceptions in paragraph 4 or 6 of that Schedule applies; or
 - (ii) a group of two or more persons to be located in a place which is not a relevant place, unless one of the exceptions in paragraph 4 to 6 of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations applies;
- (b) no persons are admitted to the premises in—
 - (i) a group of more than six persons, where the group is to be located in a relevant place, unless one of the exceptions in paragraph 4 or 6 of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations applies; or
 - (ii) a group of two or more persons to be located in a place which is not a relevant place, unless one of the exceptions in paragraph 4 to 6 of Schedule 3 to the Principal Regulations applies;
- (c) no person joins another group or otherwise acts in a way which would contravene the Principal Regulations.

(1D) A person who operates or occupies relevant premises in the Tier 4 area must, during the emergency period, take all reasonable steps to ensure that—

- (a) no bookings are accepted for—
 - (i) a group of more than two persons, where the group is to be located in a place which satisfies the conditions in paragraph 4(4) of Schedule 3A to the Principal Regulations (“a relevant place”), unless one of the exceptions in paragraph 6 or 8 of that Schedule applies; or
 - (ii) a group of two or more persons to be located in a place which is not a relevant place, unless one of the exceptions in paragraphs 6 to 8 of Schedule 3A to the Principal Regulations applies;
- (b) no persons are admitted to the premises in—

- (i) a group of more than two persons, where the group is to be located in a relevant place, unless one of the exceptions in paragraph 6 or 8 of Schedule 3A to the Principal Regulations applies; or
 - (ii) a group of two or more persons to be located in a place which is not a relevant place, unless one of the exceptions in paragraphs 6 to 8 of Schedule 3A to the Principal Regulations applies;
- (c) no person joins another group or otherwise acts in a way which would contravene the Principal Regulations.]
- (2) In this regulation, “relevant premises” has the same meaning as in the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020.]

Textual Amendments

- F16** Reg. 1A inserted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(4)**
- F17** Words in reg. 1A(1) inserted (30.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(North of England, North East and North West of England and Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) etc.\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1057\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(a)** (with reg. 6)
- F18** Words in reg. 1A(1) substituted (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(High\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1104\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 3(3)(a)** (with reg. 9 and Sch. 3 para. 5(1A) (as inserted (23.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium, High and Very High\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1154\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(4)**))
- F19** Words in reg. 1A(1) omitted (2.12.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(a)** (with reg. 15)
- F20** Words in reg. 1A(1) substituted (20.12.2020 at 7.00am) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers and Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1611\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(3)(a)**
- F21** Words in reg. 1A(1)(a) substituted (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1103\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(3)(a)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))
- F22** Words in reg. 1A(1)(b) substituted (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1103\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(3)(b)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))
- F23** Reg. 1A(1A) inserted (30.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(North of England, North East and North West of England and Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) etc.\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1057\)](#), regs. 1(2), **4(3)(b)** (with reg. 6)
- F24** Words in reg. 1A(1A) substituted (14.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(High\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1104\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 3(3)(b)(i)** (with reg. 9 and Sch. 3 para. 5(1A) (as inserted (23.10.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium, High and Very High\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1154\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(4)**))
- F25** Words in reg. 1A(1A) omitted (2.12.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(b)(i)** (with reg. 15)
- F26** Words in reg. 1A(1A)(a)(i) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(b)(ii)** (with reg. 15)

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- F27** Words in reg. 1A(1A)(a)(ii) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(b)(iii)** (with reg. 15)
- F28** Words in reg. 1A(1A)(b)(i) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(b)(iv)** (with reg. 15)
- F29** Words in reg. 1A(1A)(b)(ii) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(b)(v)** (with reg. 15)
- F30** Word in reg. 1A(1A)(c) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(b)(vi)** (with reg. 15)
- F31** Reg. 1A(1B) omitted (2.12.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1374\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(3)(c)** (with reg. 15)
- F32** Reg. 1A(1C)(1D) inserted (20.12.2020 at 7.00am) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(All Tiers and Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1611\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(3)(b)**

Restrictions on ^{F33}hospitality] undertakings

2.—(1) A person responsible for carrying on a business of a public house, café, restaurant or other relevant business must, during the emergency period, take all reasonable measures to ensure that—

- ^{F34}(a)
- ^{F34}(b)
- ^{F34}(c)
- (d) an appropriate distance is maintained between tables occupied by ^{F35}persons who are not in the same qualifying group].
- ^{F36}(1A)
- ^{F36}(1B)
- ^{F36}(1C)
- ^{F36}(1D)
- ^{F36}(1E)

(2) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) an “appropriate distance” means a distance between tables of—
 - (i) at least two metres, or
 - (ii) at least one metre, if—
 - (aa) there are barriers or screens between tables;
 - (bb) the tables are arranged with back to back seating, or otherwise arranged to ensure that persons sitting at one table do not face any person sitting at another table at a distance of less than two metres; or
 - (cc) other measures are taken to limit the risk of transmission of the coronavirus between people sitting at different tables;
- (b) a “relevant business” is a business which provides food or drink for consumption on its premises.

Textual Amendments

- F33** Word in reg. 2 heading inserted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)(a)**
- F34** Reg. 2(1)(a)-(c) omitted (28.9.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)(b)(i)**
- F35** Words in reg. 2(1)(d) substituted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(5)(b)(ii)**
- F36** Reg. 2(1A)-(1E) omitted (14.10.2020) by virtue of [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level\) \(Medium\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1103\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(4)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))

Commencement Information

- I2** Reg. 2 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

[^{F37}Requirements relating to signage and information

2A.—(1) A responsible person must, during the emergency period—

- (a) display a notice providing the information in paragraph (2); or
- (b) take other measures to ensure that any person who enters the relevant area without wearing a face covering is given the information specified in paragraph (4).

(2) The information referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is that any person present at the relevant area is required to wear a face covering under the [Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place\) Regulations 2020](#) unless an exemption under those Regulations applies to the person or the person has a reasonable excuse under those Regulations not to wear a face covering; and

(3) A notice under paragraph (1)(a) must be displayed in a conspicuous location at the relevant area

(4) The information to be given to the person under paragraph (1)(b) is that the person is required to wear a face covering unless an exemption applies to the person or the person has a reasonable excuse not to wear a face covering

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, a business is carried on in a relevant area if any part of the premises from which the business operates is in the relevant area.

Textual Amendments

- F37** Regs. 2A, 2B inserted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(6)**

Prohibition on preventing a person from wearing a face covering

2B.—(1) A responsible person must not, during the emergency period, prevent, or seek to prevent, any relevant person from wearing a face covering while the relevant person is present at the relevant area.

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(2) In this regulation, a “relevant person” is a person required to wear a face covering under regulation 3(1) of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) Regulations 2020 while present at the relevant area.]

Textual Amendments

F37 Regs. 2A, 2B inserted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(6)**

Offences and penalties

3.—(1) A person who without reasonable excuse contravenes a requirement in [^{F38}regulation 1A, 2, 2A or 2B] commits an offence.

(2) An offence under this regulation is punishable on summary conviction by a fine.

(3) If an offence under this regulation committed by a body corporate is proved—

(a) to have been committed with the consent or connivance of an officer of the body, or

(b) to be attributable to any neglect on the part of such an officer,

the officer (as well as the body corporate) is guilty of the offence and liable to be prosecuted and proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(4) In paragraph (3), “officer”, in relation to a body corporate, means a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate.

(5) Section 24 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 ^{M2} applies in relation to an offence under this regulation as if the reasons in subsection (5) of that section included—

(a) to maintain public health;

(b) to maintain public order.

Textual Amendments

F38 Words in reg. 3(1) substituted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(7)**

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

M2 1984 c. 60. Section 24 was substituted by s. 110(1) of the [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 \(c. 15\)](#).

Fixed penalty notices

4.—[^{F39}(1) An authorised person may issue a fixed penalty notice to any person that the authorised person reasonably believes—

(a) has committed an offence under these Regulations, and

(b) is (in the case of an individual) aged 18 or over.]

(2) A fixed penalty notice is a notice offering the person to whom it is issued the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for the offence by payment of a fixed penalty to an authority specified in the notice.

(3) The authority specified in the notice must be—

- (a) the local authority (or as the case may be, any of the local authorities) in whose area the offence is alleged to have been committed (“the relevant local authority”), or
- (b) an officer designated by the Secretary of State, or by the relevant local authority, for the purposes of this regulation (“the designated officer”).

(4) Where a person is issued with a notice under this regulation in respect of an offence—

- (a) no proceedings may be taken for the offence before the end of the period of 28 days following the date of the notice;
- (b) the person may not be convicted of the offence if the person pays the fixed penalty before the end of that period.

(5) A fixed penalty notice must—

- (a) give reasonably detailed particulars of the circumstances alleged to constitute the offence;
- (b) state the period during which (because of paragraph (4)(a)) proceedings will not be taken for the offence;
- (c) specify the amount of the fixed penalty;
- (d) state the name and address of the person to whom the fixed penalty may be paid;
- (e) specify permissible methods of payment.

(6) The amount specified under paragraph (5)(c) must, subject to paragraph (7), be £1,000.

(7) Unless paragraph (8) applies, a fixed penalty notice must specify that if £500 is paid before the end of the period of 14 days following the date of the notice that is the amount of the fixed penalty.

(8) If the person to whom a fixed penalty notice is given has already received a fixed penalty notice under these Regulations—

- (a) paragraph [F40(7)] does not apply, and
- (b) the amount specified as the fixed penalty is to be—
 - (i) in the case of the second fixed penalty notice received, £2,000;
 - (ii) in the case of the third [F41fixed penalty notice] received, £4,000.

[F42(iii) in the case of the fourth and subsequent fixed penalty notices received, £10,000.]

[F43(8A) In determining how many fixed penalty notices a person has received, fixed penalty notices issued to that person under the following Regulations are to be taken into account—

- (a) [F44the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020], where the fixed penalty notice relates to an offence for contravening a requirement in regulation 4A or 4B of those Regulations;
- (b) the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Collection of Contact Details etc and Related Requirements) Regulations 2020.

[the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2020,
F45(c) where the fixed penalty notice relates to a business restriction offence, as defined by regulation 14(7D) of those Regulations, committed on or after 14th October 2020;

- (d) [F46the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium) (England) Regulations 2020], where the fixed penalty notice relates to a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 6(12) of those Regulations;]

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[^{F48}the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (High) (England) Regulations 2020], where the fixed penalty notice relates to a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 6(12) of those Regulations;]

[^{F49}the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Very High) (England) Regulations 2020], where the fixed penalty notice relates to a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 6(12) of those Regulations;]

[the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020, where the fixed penalty notice relates to a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 21(12) of those Regulations;]

[the Principal Regulations, where the fixed penalty notice relates to a business restriction offence as defined by regulation 12(7) of those Regulations.]]

(9) Whatever other method may be specified under paragraph (5)(e), payment of a fixed penalty may be made by pre-paying and posting to the person whose name is stated under paragraph (5)(d), at the stated address, a letter containing the amount of the penalty (in cash or otherwise).

(10) Where a letter is sent as mentioned in paragraph (9), payment is regarded as having been made at the time at which that letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

(11) In any proceedings, a certificate—

(a) that purports to be signed by or on behalf of—

(i) the chief finance officer of the relevant local authority, where the authority to which payment is made is a local authority, or

(ii) the designated officer, where that officer is the authority to which payment is made; and;

(b) states that the payment of a fixed penalty was, or was not, received by the date specified in the certificate;

is evidence of the facts stated.

(12) In this regulation—

(a) “authorised person” means—

(i) a constable;

(ii) a police community support officer;

(iii) a person designated by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this regulation;

(iv) a person designated by the relevant local authority for the purposes of this regulation;

(b) a “chief finance officer”, in relation to a local authority, means the person with responsibility for the authority's financial affairs.

Textual Amendments

F39 Reg. 4(1) substituted (2.12.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Local Authority Enforcement Powers and Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1375\)](#), reg. 1(1), **Sch. para. 23** (with Sch. para. 24)

F40 Word in reg. 4(8)(a) substituted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(8)(a)(i)**

F41 Words in reg. 4(8)(b)(ii) substituted (28.9.2020) by [The Health Protection \(Coronavirus, Restrictions\) \(Obligations of Undertakings\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1046\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(8)(a)(ii)**

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- F42** Reg. 4(8)(iii) inserted (28.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1046), regs. 1(2), **2(8)(a)(iii)**
- F43** Reg. 4(8A) inserted (28.9.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Undertakings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1046), regs. 1(2), **2(8)(b)**
- F44** Words in reg. 4(8A)(a) substituted (14.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(5)(a)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))
- F45** Reg. 4(8A)(c)(d) inserted (14.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1103), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(5)(b)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))
- F46** Words in reg. 4(8A)(d) substituted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(4)(a)** (with reg. 15)
- F47** Reg. 4(8A)(e) inserted (14.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (High) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1104), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 3(4)** (with reg. 9 and Sch. 3 para. 5(1A) (as inserted (23.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium, High and Very High) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1154), regs. 1(3), **3(4))**)
- F48** Words in reg. 4(8A)(e) substituted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(4)(b)** (with reg. 15)
- F49** Reg. 4(8A)(f) inserted (14.10.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Very High) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1105), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 3(4)** (with reg. 9)
- F50** Words in reg. 4(8A)(f) substituted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(4)(c)** (with reg. 15)
- F51** Reg. 4(8A)(g) inserted (5.11.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1200), regs. 1(2), **24(4)(b)** (with reg. 23)
- F52** Reg. 4(8A)(h) inserted (2.12.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(4)(d)** (with reg. 15)

Commencement Information

- I4** Reg. 4 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

Prosecutions

5. Proceedings for an offence under these Regulations may be brought by the Crown Prosecution Service and any person designated by the Secretary of State.

Commencement Information

- I5** Reg. 5 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

Review

6. The Secretary of State must review the need for the requirements imposed by these Regulations before the end of the period of six months beginning with the day on which they come into force.

Commencement Information

- I6** Reg. 6 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

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Expiry

7.—(1) These Regulations expire at the end of the period of 364 days beginning with the day on which they come into force.

(2) This regulation does not affect the validity of anything done pursuant to these Regulations before they expire.

Commencement Information

I7 Reg. 7 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

Designations

8. A person who is designated for the purposes of regulation 9(13) or 10 [^{F53}of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2020 or regulation [^{F54}11(9) or 13]] of the Principal Regulations is to be treated as if they were designated for the purposes of regulation 4(12)(a) or 5 as appropriate, of these Regulations.

Textual Amendments

F53 Words in reg. 8 inserted (14.10.2020) by *The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Local COVID-19 Alert Level) (Medium) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1103)*, reg. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 4(6)** (with reg. 9, Sch. 3 para. 7(3))

F54 Words in reg. 8 substituted (2.12.2020) by *The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1374)*, reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 4(5)** (with reg. 15)

Commencement Information

I8 Reg. 8 in force at 18.9.2020, see reg. 1(1)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations require certain undertakings in the hospitality industry, to take measures to ensure that their customers follow the rules on social distancing. The Secretary of State must carry out a review of the need for the requirements in these Regulations within the period of six months of their coming into force.

No regulatory impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations.

Status:

Point in time view as at 20/12/2020.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Obligations of Hospitality Undertakings) (England) Regulations 2020 (revoked).