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The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Protected Areas and Restriction on Businesses) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

Made - - - - 25th September 2020

Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(2) and (3)

Laid before Parliament 28th September 2020

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45C(1), (3)(c), (4)(d), 45F(2) and 45P of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984(a).

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 contained in the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020(b) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East and North West of England) Regulations 2020(c) which are imposed in the protected areas as amended by these Regulations, and the restrictions on businesses that are imposed by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020(d), as amended 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.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Protected Areas and Restriction on Businesses) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

(2) This regulation and regulation 2 come into force on 26th September 2020.

(a) 1984 c. 22. Part 2A was inserted by section 129 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14).

(b) S.I. 2020/828, as amended by S.I. 2020/846, 865, 897, 907, 931, 954, 974, 986, 1010, 1019 and 1029.

(c) S.I. 2020/1010, as amended by S.I. 2020/1012, 1019 and 1029.

(d) S.I. 2020/974, as amended by S.I. 2020/986, 988, 1010, 1019 and 1029, and modified by S.I. 2020/1019.

(3) Regulation 3 comes into force at 5.00 a.m. on 26th September 2020.

Amendment of Protected Areas

2.—(1) In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020, in regulation 2(1)—

- (a) after sub-paragraph (f) insert—
“(fa)the area of Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council,”;
- (b) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—
“(ia)the area of Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council,”;
- (c) after sub-paragraph (p) insert—
“(q) the area of Leeds City Council.”.

(2) In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East and North West of England) Regulations 2020, in regulation 1(4), after sub-paragraph (za) insert—

“(zaa)the area of Blackpool Council;”.

Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020

3. In the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020, in the Schedule (businesses subject to restrictions or closure), in Part 1 after paragraph 4 insert—

“4A.—(1) Businesses, other than businesses listed in sub-paragraph (2), providing food or drink prepared on the premises for immediate consumption off the premises.

- (2) The businesses are—
 - (a) supermarkets;
 - (b) convenience stores, corner shops and newsagents;
 - (c) pharmacists and chemists;
 - (d) petrol stations.”.

25th September 2020

Matt Hancock
Secretary of State
Department of Health and Social Care

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the meaning of “the protected area” in the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North of England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/828) and the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (North East and North West of England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1010).

These Regulations also amend the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Bolton) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/974) to impose restricted opening hours on businesses in Bolton selling food or drink prepared on the premises for immediate consumption off the premises (except for certain businesses).

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for these Regulations.

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