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The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020

PART 3

Offences

11.—(1) A person who contravenes a requirement in regulations 2, 7, 8 or 9 without reasonable excuse commits an offence.

(2) A person who contravenes a requirement to self-isolate under regulation 2 without reasonable excuse and in doing so—

- (a) has reason to believe they will come into close contact with another person or group;
- (b) does then come into close contact with another person or group;
- (c) is reckless as to the consequences of that close contact for the health of that other person or group;

commits an offence.

(3) A person who obstructs, without reasonable excuse, any person carrying out a function under these Regulations, including any person who is an authorised person for the purposes of regulation 10 commits an offence.

(4) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a requirement in or imposed by, regulation 10 commits an offence.

(5) An offence under these Regulations is punishable on summary conviction by a fine.

(6) Section 24 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 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.
- (7) A person who knowingly-
 - (a) gives false information pursuant to regulation 2(2)(a)(ii), (b), (c)(ii) or (d); or
 - (b) falsely states, when asked by a person specified for the purpose of regulation 2(4), to that person that someone is a close contact of a person who has tested positive for coronavirus,

commits an offence.

(8) 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.

(9) In paragraph (8), "officer", in relation to a body corporate, means a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate.

(10) In paragraph (2), "close contact" has the same meaning as in Part 1 of these Regulations.