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PUBLIC HEALTH, WALES

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020

Approved by both Houses of Parliament

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Assembly for Wales	27 March 2020
	at 4.00 p.m. on 26
Coming into force	March 2020

^{F1}The Welsh Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45C(1) and (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 Wales.

The Welsh Ministers consider that 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 Welsh Ministers are 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, the National Assembly for Wales.

F1 Regulations revoked (11.7.2020 for the revocation of reg. 5 for all purposes and regs. 4(4)-(6), 7A, 10-14 for specified purposes) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/725), regs. 1(3)(4), **3**(1)(a) (with regs. 3(2), 5)

Marginal Citations

M1 1984 c. 22. Sections 45C, 45F and 45P were inserted by section 129 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (c. 14). The functions under these sections are conferred on "the appropriate Minister". Under section 45T(6) of the 1984 Act the appropriate Minister, as respects Wales, is the Welsh Ministers.

Title, coming into force, application and interpretation

1.—(1) The title of these Regulations is the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and they come into force at 4.00 p.m. on 26 March 2020.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to Wales.

- (3) In these Regulations—
 - (a) "carer" means a person who provides care for the person assisted where-
 - (i) the carer is entitled to an assessment under section 24 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ^{M2},
 - (ii) the care is part of the provision of community care services under Part 4 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, or
 - (iii) the care is provided by a care provider registered under Part 1 of the Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2016 ^{M3};
 - (b) "coronavirus" means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2);
- [^{F2}(ba) "elite athlete" means an individual designated as such for the purposes of these Regulations by the Sports Council for Wales;]
 - (c) "local authority" means the council of a county or county borough in Wales;
 - (d) a "person responsible for carrying on a business" includes the owner, proprietor, and manager of that business;
- [^{F3}(da) "premises" includes any building or structure and any land;]
 - (e) "vulnerable person" includes-
 - (i) any person aged 70 or older;
 - (ii) any person under 70 who has an underlying health condition, including, but not limited to, the conditions listed in Schedule 2;
 - (iii) any person who is pregnant.
 - [^{F4}(iv) any child;
 - (v) any person who is a vulnerable adult within the meaning given by section 60(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006^{F5}.]
- $[^{F6}(4)$ For the purposes of the definition of "elite athlete" in paragraph (3)—
 - (a) an individual is designated by the Sports Council for Wales only if the individual has been nominated for designation by a relevant sporting body and the Council has accepted the nomination, and
 - (b) "relevant sporting body" means the national governing body of a sport which may nominate athletes to represent—
 - (i) Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the Olympic or Paralympic Games, or
 - (ii) Wales at the Commonwealth Games.
- (5) For the purposes of these Regulations—
 - (a) there is a gathering when two or more people are in the same place in order to do something together, and
 - (b) premises are indoors if they are enclosed or substantially enclosed within the meaning given by regulation 2 of the Smoke-free Premises etc. (Wales) Regulations 2007.]

 $[^{F7}(6)$ If two households agree to be treated as a single (extended) household for the purposes of these Regulations, any reference in these Regulations (other than in paragraphs (7) and (8)) to a "household" is to be read as including both households.

- (7) To agree to be treated as a single household all of the adults of the two households must agree.
- (8) But—
 - (a) a household may only agree to be treated as a single household with one other household, and

- (b) if two households cease to agree to be treated as a single household, neither household may agree to be treated as a single household under paragraph (6) with any other household.]
- F2 Reg. 1(3)(ba) inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(2)(a) (with reg. 3)
- F3 Reg. 1(3)(da) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 7(2)
- F4 Reg. 1(3)(e)(iv)(v) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 6(2)
- **F5** 2006 c. 47.
- F6 Reg. 1(4)(5) inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(2)(b) (with reg. 3)
- F7 Reg. 1(6)-(8) inserted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, 2(2) (with reg. 3)

II Reg. 1 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

- M2 2014 anaw 4.
- M3 2016 anaw 2.

Revocation

2.—(1) The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (Wales) Regulations 2020 ^{M4} and the Health Protection (Coronavirus: Closure of Leisure Businesses, Footpaths and Access Land) (Wales) Regulations 2020 ^{M5} are revoked.

(2) Notwithstanding the revocation of those Regulations, they continue in force in relation to any offence committed under them before these Regulations came into force.

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 2 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

M4S.I. 2020/327 (W. 74).M5S.I. 2020/334 (W. 76).

The emergency period and review of need for restrictions

- 3.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations the "emergency period"—
 - (a) starts when these Regulations come into force, and
 - (b) ends in relation to a requirement or restriction imposed by these Regulations on the [^{F8}earlier of—
 - (i) the revocation of the provision imposing the requirement or restriction, or
 - (ii) the expiry of these Regulations under regulation 15.]

(2) The Welsh Ministers must review the need for restrictions and requirements imposed by these Regulations $[^{F9}$, and whether those restrictions and requirements are proportionate to what the Welsh

Ministers seek to achieve by them,] every 21 days, with the first review being carried out by [^{F10}16] April 2020.

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- **F8** Words in reg. 3(1)(b) substituted (22.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/529), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F9 Words in reg. 3(2) inserted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(2)(a) (with reg. 4)
- **F10** Word in reg. 3(2) substituted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(3)**
- F11 Reg. 3(3) omitted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(2)(b) (with reg. 4)
- F12 Reg. 3(4) omitted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(2)(b) (with reg. 4)
- F13 Reg. 3(4A) omitted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(2)(b) (with reg. 4)
- F14 Reg. 3(5) omitted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(2)(b) (with reg. 4)

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Requirement to close premises and businesses during the emergency period

4.—(1) A person responsible for carrying on a business which is listed in Part 1 of Schedule 1 must, during the emergency period—

- (a) close any premises, or part of the premises, in which food or drink are sold for consumption on those premises;
- (b) cease selling food or drink for consumption on its premises (but if the business sells food and drink for consumption off the premises it may continue to do so subject to regulation [^{F15}6(2)]).

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), food or drink sold by a hotel or other accommodation as part of room service is not to be treated as being sold for consumption on its premises.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1), an area adjacent to the premises of the business where seating is made available for customers of the business (whether or not by the business) is to be treated as part of the premises of that business.

 $[^{F1}(4)$ A person responsible for carrying on a business or providing a service which is listed in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 1 must, during the emergency period, cease to carry on that business or to provide that service.]

 $[^{F1}(5)$ But paragraph (4) does not prevent the use of—

- (a) premises used for the businesses or services listed in paragraphs 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 or 18 of Part 2 [^{F16} of Schedule 1] to broadcast (without an audience) a performance (whether over the internet or as part of a radio or television broadcast);
- [^{F17}(b) premises used for the businesses or services listed in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 1 for any purpose as may be requested by the Welsh Ministers or a local authority;]
- [^{F18}(ba) premises for training for elite athletes, including skating rinks, swimming pools, indoor fitness studios, gyms, indoor leisure centres and other sports facilities (whether indoors or outdoors);]
 - (c) premises used as a museum [^{F19}or gallery], or for providing archive services, for the provision of information or other services—
 - (i) through a website, or otherwise by on-line communication,
 - (ii) by telephone, including ^{F20}... by text message, or
 - (iii) by post.]
- [^{F21}[^{F1}(5A) Paragraph (5B) applies—
 - (a) to premises used to carry on a business or provide a service mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)
 (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1, or
 - (b) where premises used to carry on a business or provide a service listed in Part 2 or 3 of Schedule 1 are used for a purpose mentioned in paragraph (5).]

 $[^{F1}(5B)$ Where this paragraph applies, the person responsible for carrying on the business or providing the service must, during the emergency period, take all reasonable measures to ensure —

- (a) that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between any persons on the premises (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer),
- (b) that persons are only admitted to the premises in sufficiently small numbers to make it possible to maintain that distance, and
- (c) that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between persons waiting to enter the premises (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer).]]

 $[^{F1}(6)$ If a business listed in Schedule 1 ("business A") forms part of a larger business ("business B"), the person responsible for carrying on business B complies with the requirement in paragraph (1) or (4) if it closes down business A.]

- F15 Word in reg. 4(1)(b) substituted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(3)(a) (with reg. 3)
- **F16** Words in reg. 4(5)(a) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **6(3)(a)**
- F17 Reg. 4(5)(b) substituted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 6(3)(b)
- F18 Reg. 4(5)(ba) inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(3)(b) (with reg. 3)
- F19 Words in reg. 4(5)(c) substituted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(3) (with reg. 4)
- F20 Word in reg. 4(5)(c)(ii) omitted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 6(3)(c)

F21 Reg. 4(5A)(5B) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **3(2)**

Commencement Information

I4 Reg. 4 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Requirement to close premises and businesses during the emergency period: specific provision about holiday etc. accommodation

[^{F22}General restriction on shops and certain other businesses and services

6.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies—

- (a) to a person ("P") responsible for carrying on a business, or providing a service, listed in Part 4 of Schedule 1, and
- (b) in respect of any premises where the business is carried on or the service is provided.
- (2) P must take all reasonable measures to ensure—
 - (a) that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between any persons on the premises (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer),
 - (b) that persons are only admitted to the premises in sufficiently small numbers to make it possible to maintain that distance, and
 - (c) that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between persons waiting to enter the premises (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer).]
- F22 Reg. 6 substituted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(4) (with reg. 3)

[^{F23}General restriction on places of work

6A.—(1) A person responsible for work being carried out at premises where a person is working must, when such work is being carried out during the emergency period, take all reasonable measures to ensure that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between any persons on the premises (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer).

- $[^{F24}(2)$ Paragraph (1) does not apply to premises—
 - (a) used in the carrying on of a business, or provision of a service, listed in Schedule 1, ^{F25} ...
- F23 Reg. 6A inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **3**
- F24 Reg. 6A(2) substituted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **3(5)**
- F25 Reg. 6A(2)(b) and word omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(5) (with reg. 3)

Restrictions on places of worship, crematoriums [^{F26}, cemeteries] and community centres

7.—(1) A person responsible for a place of worship must ensure that, during the emergency period, the place of worship is closed, except for uses permitted by paragraph (2).

(2) If all reasonable measures are taken to ensure a distance of 2 metres is maintained between every person in the place of worship $[^{F27}(except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer)], the place may be used—$

- [^{F28}(za) for the solemnization of a marriage or formation of a civil partnership,]
 - (a) for funerals,

[^{F29}(aa) for prayer by—

- (i) an individual,
- (ii) members of the same household, or
- (iii) an individual and the individual's carer,

which does not form part of communal worship,]

- [^{F30}(b) to broadcast (whether over the internet or as part of a radio or television broadcast)—
 - (i) an act of worship (without a congregation);
 - (ii) a solemnization of a marriage or formation of a civil partnership ^{F31}...;
 - (iii) a funeral, or]
 - (c) to provide essential voluntary services or, upon the request of the Welsh Ministers or a local authority, ^{F32}... public services ^{F32}....

(3) A person responsible for a crematorium must ensure that, during the emergency period, the crematorium is closed to members of the public, except for the use permitted by paragraph (4).

(4) If all reasonable measures are taken to ensure a distance of 2 metres is maintained between every person in the crematorium [F33 (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer)], the crematorium may open to members of the public for funerals or burials (and to broadcast a funeral or burial whether over the internet or otherwise).

[^{F34}(4ZA) Paragraph (3) does not apply to the grounds surrounding a crematorium, including any burial ground or garden of remembrance.]

[^{F35}(4A) A person responsible for a cemetery must take all reasonable measures to ensure a distance of 2 metres is maintained between every person at a burial taking place in the cemetery during the emergency period (except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer).]

(5) A person responsible for a community centre must ensure that, during the emergency period, the community centre is closed except where—

- (a) it is used to provide essential voluntary services or, upon the request of the Welsh Ministers or a local authority, ^{F36}... public services ^{F36}... and
- (b) all reasonable measures are taken to ensure that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between every person on the premises [^{F37}(except between two members of the same household, or a carer and the person assisted by the carer)] while those services are provided.

[^{F38}(6) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) "burial" includes the internment of a dead person's ashes;
- (b) "cemetery" includes a burial ground and any other place for the internment of the dead.]

- **F26** Word in reg. 7 heading inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **4(f)**
- F27 Words in reg. 7(2) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 4(a)
- F28 Reg. 7(2)(za) substituted for reg. 7(2)(aa) (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(6)(a)(i) (with reg. 3)
- F29 Reg. 7(2)(aa) inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(6)(a)(ii) (with reg. 3)
- **F30** Reg. 7(2)(b) substituted (1.6.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/557), regs. 1, **2(2)(b)** (with reg. 3)
- F31 Words in reg. 7(2)(b)(ii) omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(6)(a)(iii) (with reg. 3)
- F32 Words in reg. 7(2)(c) omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(6)(a)(iv) (with reg. 3)
- F33 Words in reg. 7(4) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 4(b)
- F34 Reg. 7(4ZA) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 6(6)(d)
- F35 Reg. 7(4A) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 4(c)
- F36 Words in reg. 7(5)(a) omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(6)(b) (with reg. 3)
- **F37** Words in reg. 7(5)(b) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **4(d**)
- F38 Reg. 7(6) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 4(e)

I5 Reg. 7 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Guidance on maintaining distance of 2 metres between persons

[^{F1}[^{F39}7A.—(1) A person subject to a requirement or restriction in—

- (a) regulation 4(1) as it applies to workplace canteens,
- [regulation 4(5B),

^{F40}(aa)

- (ab) regulation 5(3C),]
- $[^{F41}(b)$ regulation 6(2),]
 - (c) regulation 6A(1), or
 - (d) regulation 7(1), (3), (4A) or (5),

must have regard to guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers about reasonable measures to be taken to ensure that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between persons.

(2) The Welsh Ministers—

(a) may revise guidance issued under paragraph (1), and

(b) must publish the guidance (and any revisions).

(3) Guidance under this regulation may incorporate (by reference or transposition) guidance, codes of practice or other documents published by another person (for example, a trade association, body representing members of an industry or a trade union).]]

- **F39** Reg. 7A inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **5**
- F40 Reg. 7A(1)(aa)(ab) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 6(7)(a)
- F41 Reg. 7A(1)(b) substituted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(7) (with reg. 3)

Restrictions on movement and being indoors during the emergency period

 $[^{F42}8.-(1)$ During the emergency period no person may, without a reasonable excuse-

- (a) gather outdoors with any other person apart from—
 - (i) members of their household or of no more than one other household,
 - (ii) their carer, or
 - (iii) a person they are providing care to;
- (b) gather in premises indoors with any other person apart from-
 - (i) the members of their household,
 - (ii) their carer, or
 - (iii) a person they are providing care to.
- (2) A reasonable excuse includes the need to do the following—
 - (a) obtain medical assistance, including accessing any of the services referred to in paragraph 42 of Schedule 1 or accessing veterinary services;
 - (b) provide or receive care or assistance, including relevant personal care, within the meaning of paragraph 7(3B) of Schedule 4 to the Safeguarding of Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, where the person receiving the care is a vulnerable person;
 - (c) provide or receive emergency assistance;
 - (d) donate blood;
 - (e) work or provide voluntary or charitable services;
 - (f) where the person is an elite athlete, train or compete;
 - (g) attend a solemnization of a marriage or formation of a civil partnership—
 - (i) as a party to the marriage or civil partnership,
 - (ii) if invited to attend, or
 - (iii) as the carer of a person attending.
 - (h) attend a funeral-
 - (i) as a person responsible for arranging the funeral,
 - (ii) if invited by a person responsible for arranging the funeral, or
 - (iii) as the carer of a person attending;
 - (i) meet a legal obligation, including attending court or satisfying bail conditions, or to participate in legal proceedings;

- (j) access or receive critical public services, including-
 - (i) childcare or educational services;
 - (ii) social services;
 - (iii) services provided by the Department for Work and Pensions;
 - (iv) services provided to victims (such as victims of crime or domestic violence);
- (k) in relation to children who do not live in the same household as their parents, or one of their parents, continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children, and for the purposes of this paragraph, "parent" includes a person who is not a parent of the child, but who has parental responsibility for, or who has care of, the child;
- (l) move home;
- (m) prepare a residential property for persons to move in;
- (n) undertake the following activities in connection with the purchase, sale, letting or rental of unoccupied residential property—
 - (i) visiting estate or letting agents, developer sales offices or show homes;
 - (ii) viewing such a property;
- (o) participate in activities organised by outdoor visitor attractions;
- (p) avoid injury or illness or escape a risk of harm.
- (3) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a person who is homeless.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(q), a property is unoccupied if no person occupies the property as a residence.]

F42 Reg. 8 substituted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, 2(3) (with reg. 3)

[^{F43}Requirement to continue to work from home where practicable

8A.—(1) During the emergency period, in the circumstances referred to in paragraph (2) no person may leave the place where they are living, or remain away from that place, for the purposes of work or to provide voluntary or charitable services.

(2) The circumstances are that it is reasonably practicable for the person to work or to provide voluntary or charitable services from the place where they are living.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, the place where a person is living includes the premises where they live together with any garden, yard, passage, stair, garage, outhouse or other appurtenance of such premises.]

F43 Reg. 8A inserted (1.6.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/557), regs. 1, 2(4) (with reg. 3)

Restrictions on gathering with other persons

F44 Reg. 8B omitted (6.7.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, 2(4) (with reg. 3)

Requirement to close and not enter certain public paths and land during the emergency period

9.—(1) Where paragraph (2) applies to a public path or access land in the area of a relevant authority, the relevant authority must, during the emergency period—

- (a) close the public path or access land, and
- (b) keep it closed until the earlier of-
 - (i) the end of the emergency period, or
 - (ii) the time when the authority considers that closure is no longer necessary to prevent, protect against, control or provide a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection in its area with the coronavirus.

(2) This paragraph applies to the public paths and access land in its area a relevant authority considers—

- (a) to be liable to large numbers of people congregating or being in close proximity to each other, or
- (b) the use of which otherwise poses a high risk to the incidence or spread of infection in its area with the coronavirus.

(3) Where a public path has been closed under regulation 4 of the Health Protection (Coronavirus: Closure of Leisure Businesses, Footpaths and Access Land) (Wales) Regulations 2020^{M6}, the path is to be treated as if it were closed under paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(4) No person may use a public path or access land closed by virtue of paragraph (1) unless authorised by the relevant authority.

- (5) The relevant authority must—
 - (a) publish a list of public paths or access land closed in its area on a website;
 - (b) erect and maintain notices in prominent places informing the public of the closure of a public path or access land.

(6) For the purposes of this regulation references to a public path or access land include parts of a public path or access land.

- (7) In this regulation—
 - (a) the "relevant authority" means—

(i) a local authority,

- (ii) a National Park authority in Wales,
- (iii) Natural Resources Wales, or
- (iv) the National Trust;
- (b) "public path" means a footpath, bridleway, byway, restricted byway or cycle track and—
 - (i) "footpath", "bridleway" and "cycle track" have the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980 ^{M7};
 - (ii) "byway" means a byway open to all traffic within the meaning given by section 66(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 ^{M8};
 - (iii) "restricted byway" has the meaning given by section 48(4) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000^{M9};
- (c) "access land" includes land to which the public has access by virtue of its ownership by the National Trust, but otherwise has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 ^{M10}.

I6 Reg. 9 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

- M6 S.I. 2020/334 (W. 76).
- M7 1980 c.66. Section 329 was amended by s1 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 (c.38) and paragraph 21 of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c.54).
- M8 1981 c.69.
- M9 2000 c.37.
- M10 2000 c.37. Section 1(1) was amended by s302(2)(a) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c.23).

Enforcement

[^{F1}**10.**—(1) A relevant person may give a prohibition notice to a person if the relevant person ^{F45}...—

- (a) [^{F46}has reasonable grounds for suspecting that] the person is contravening a requirement in regulation 4, [^{F47}5(3C),] 6 [^{F48}, 6A] or 7, and
- (b) [^{F49}considers] it is necessary and proportionate to give the prohibition notice for the purpose of preventing that person from continuing to contravene the requirement.
- ^{F50}(2) ^{F50}(3)
- ^{F50}(4)

(5) For the [^{F51} purposes of this regulation], [^{F52} an individual has responsibility for a child if the individual]—

- (a) has custody or charge of the child for the time being, or
- (b) has parental responsibility for the child (within the meaning of the Children Act 1989).
- ^{F53}(6)

(7) Where a relevant person [^{F54}has reasonable grounds for suspecting] that ^{F55}... people are gathered ^{F56}... in contravention of regulation [^{F57}8(1)], the relevant person may—

- (a) direct the gathering to disperse;
- (b) direct any person in the gathering to return to the place where they are living;
- (c) remove any person in the gathering to the place where they are living.

 $[^{F58}(8)$ A relevant person exercising the power in paragraph (7)—

- (a) to direct a gathering to disperse, or
- (b) to remove a person to the place where they are living,

may use reasonable force, if necessary, in exercise of the power.

(8A) Where a relevant person has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person ("P") is in a gathering in contravention of regulation [$^{F59}8(1)$] and is a child accompanied by an individual ("I") who has responsibility for P—

- (a) the relevant person may direct I to take P to the place where P is living, and
- (b) I must, so far as reasonably practicable, ensure that P complies with any direction or instruction given by the relevant person to P.

(8B) A relevant person may only exercise a power in paragraph (7) or (8A) if the relevant person considers that it is necessary and proportionate to do so.]

(9) $[^{F60}$ If a relevant person considers it necessary and proportionate for the purposes of preventing, or terminating, a contravention of regulation 9(4), the] relevant person may remove an individual from a public path or access land (within the meaning given by regulation 9(7)) which is closed (or is being closed) by virtue of regulation 9(1), and may use reasonable force $[^{F61}$, if necessary,] to do so.

(10) A relevant person may take such other action as the relevant person considers necessary and proportionate to facilitate the exercise of a power conferred on the person by this regulation or regulation 11 [^{F62}(including requiring a person to provide information as to whether two households have entered into an agreement in accordance with regulation 1(6))].

(11) For the purposes of this regulation and regulations 11, 12 and 13, a "relevant person" means—

- (a) a constable,
- (b) a police community support officer, or
- (c) a person designated by—
 - (i) the Welsh Ministers,
 - (ii) a local authority,
 - (iii) a National Park authority in Wales, or
 - (iv) Natural Resources Wales,

for the purposes of this regulation and regulations 11, 12 and 13 (but see paragraphs (12) and (13)).

(12) A person designated by a local authority may exercise a relevant person's functions only in relation to a contravention (or alleged contravention) of a requirement in regulation 4, $[^{F63}5(3C),]$ 6, $[^{F64}6A,]$ 7 or 9(4).

(13) A person designated by a National Park authority or Natural Resources Wales may exercise a relevant person's functions only in relation to a contravention (or alleged contravention) of the requirement in regulation 9(4).

(14) In this regulation and regulations 11 and 12, references to a requirement include references to a restriction.]

- F45Words in reg. 10(1) omitted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus
Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(2)(a)
- F46 Words in reg. 10(1)(a) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(2)(b)(i)
 F47 Word in reg. 10(1)(a) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus
- Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **5(2)(b)(ii)**
- F48Word in reg. 10(1)(a) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus
Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 7(4)(a)
- **F49** Word in reg. 10(1)(b) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **5(2)(c)**
- F50 Reg. 10(2)(3)(4) omitted (6.7.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, 2(5)(a) (with reg. 3)
- F51 Words in reg. 10(5) substituted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(5)
- **F52** Words in reg. 10(5) substituted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2(5)(b)** (with reg. 3)

- **F53** Reg. 10(6) omitted (6.7.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2(5)(c)** (with reg. 3)
- F54 Words in reg. 10(7) substituted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(6)
- F55 Words in reg. 10(7) omitted (1.6.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/557), regs. 1, 2(6)(b)(i) (with reg. 3)
- F56 Word in reg. 10(7) omitted (6.7.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, 2(5)(d)(i) (with reg. 3)
- **F57** Word in reg. 10(7) substituted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2(5)(d)(ii)** (with reg. 3)
- F58 Reg. 10(8)-(8B) substituted for reg. 10(8) (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(7)
- **F59** Word in reg. 10(8A) substituted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2(5)(e)** (with reg. 3)
- F60 Words in reg. 10(9) substituted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(8)(a)
- F61 Words in reg. 10(9) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), 5(8)(b)
- **F62** Words in reg. 10(10) inserted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2(5)(f)** (with reg. 3)
- **F63** Word in reg. 10(12) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **5(9**)
- F64 Word in reg. 10(12) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 7(4)(b)

I7 Reg. 10 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Power of entry

[^{F1}11.—(1) A relevant person may enter premises, if the relevant person—

- (a) has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a requirement imposed by these Regulations is being, has been or is about to be contravened on the premises, and
- (b) considers it necessary to enter the premises for the purpose of ascertaining whether the requirement is being, has been or is about to be contravened.
- (2) A relevant person entering premises in accordance with paragraph (1) may—
 - (a) use reasonable force to enter the premises if necessary;
 - (b) take such other persons, equipment and materials onto the premises as appears to the relevant person to be appropriate.
- (3) A relevant person entering premises in accordance with paragraph (1)—
 - (a) if asked by a person on the premises, must show evidence of the relevant person's identity and outline the purpose for which the power is exercised;
 - (b) if the premises are unoccupied or the occupier is temporarily absent, must leave the premises as effectively secured against unauthorised entry as when the relevant person found them.]

I8 Reg. 11 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Offences and penalties

 $[^{F1}12.-(1)]$ A person who-

- (a) without reasonable excuse, contravenes a requirement in regulation 4, [^{F65}5(3C),] 6, [^{F66}6A,] 7, [^{F67}8A, ^{F68}...] or 9(4), or
- (b) contravenes [F69 a requirement in regulation 8(1)],

commits an offence.

(2) A person who obstructs, without reasonable excuse, any person carrying out a function under these Regulations commits an offence.

(3) A person who, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a direction, or fails to comply with an instruction or a prohibition notice, given by a relevant person under regulation 10 commits an offence.

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

(5) Section 24 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984^{M11} applies in relation to an offence under this regulation as if the reasons in subsection (5) included—

- (a) to maintain public health;
- (b) to maintain public order.

(6) If an offence under paragraph (1) 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.

(7) In paragraph (6), "officer", in relation to a body corporate, means a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate.

(8) Proceedings for an offence under these Regulations alleged to have been committed by a partnership may be brought in the name of the partnership instead of in the name of any of the partners.

(9) Proceedings for an offence under these Regulations alleged to have been committed by an unincorporated body other than a partnership may be brought in the name of the body instead of in the name of any of its members and, for the purposes of any such proceedings, any rules of court relating to the service of documents have effect as if that body were a body corporate.

(10) Section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 ^{M12} and Schedule 3 to the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 ^{M13} apply in proceedings for an offence brought against a partnership or an unincorporated association other than a partnership as they apply in relation to a body corporate.

(11) A fine imposed on a partnership on its conviction for an offence under these Regulations is to be paid out of the partnership assets.

(12) A fine imposed on an unincorporated association other than a partnership on its conviction for an offence under these Regulations is to be paid out of the funds of the association.]

- **F65** Word in reg. 12(1)(a) inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **6(9)**
- **F66** Word in reg. 12(1)(a) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(5)**
- **F67** Words in reg. 12(1)(a) substituted (1.6.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/557), regs. 1, **2**(7)(a) (with reg. 3)
- **F68** Word in reg. 12(1)(a) omitted (6.7.2020) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2(6)** (with reg. 3)
- **F69** Words in reg. 12(1)(b) substituted (1.6.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/557), regs. 1, **2(7)(b)** (with reg. 3)

Reg. 12 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Marginal Citations

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- M11 1984 c. 60. Section 24 was substituted by s.110(1) of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15).
- M12 1925 c. 86.
- M13 1980 c. 43.

Fixed penalty notices

[F1 **13.**—(1) A relevant person may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone that the relevant person reasonably believes—

- (a) has committed an offence under these Regulations, and
- (b) is 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 $[^{F70}]$

- (a) a local authority, or
- (b) a person designated by the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of receiving payment under this regulation,

as the notice may specify.]

[^{F71}(2A) The Welsh Ministers may designate themselves under paragraph (2)(b).]

(3) $[^{F72}$ Where a local authority is specified in the notice it] must be the authority (or as the case may be, any of the authorities) in whose area the offence is alleged to have been committed.

(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 be £60 (subject to paragraphs (7) and (8)).

(7) A fixed penalty notice may specify that if ± 30 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 $[^{F73}$ —

- (a) paragraph (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, £120;
 - (ii) in the case of the third fixed penalty notice received, £240;
 - (iii) in the case of the fourth fixed penalty notice received, £480;
 - (iv) in the case of the fifth fixed penalty notice received, £960;
 - (v) in the case of the sixth and any subsequent fixed penalty notice received, £1920.]

(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 the person with responsibility for the financial affairs of [^{F74}—

(i) the local authority, or

(ii) the person designated under paragraph (2)(b),

specified in the fixed penalty notice to which the proceedings relate, 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) Where a fixed penalty is issued in respect of the alleged offence of contravening the requirement in regulation 9(4), references in this regulation to a "local authority" are to be read as including references to a National Park authority in Wales.]

- **F70** Words in reg. 13(2) substituted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(6)(a)**
- F71 Reg. 13(2A) inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), 7(6)(b)
- **F72** Words in reg. 13(3) substituted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(6)(c)**
- **F73** Words in reg. 13(8) substituted (22.5.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/529), regs. 1, **2(3)**
- **F74** Words in reg. 13(11)(a) substituted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(6)(e)**

I10 Reg. 13 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Prosecutions

[^{F1}14. No proceedings for an offence under these Regulations may be brought other than by the Director of Public Prosecutions or any person designated by the Welsh Ministers.]

Commencement Information

I11 Reg. 14 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Expiry

15.—(1) These Regulations expire at the end of the period of six months 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

I12 Reg. 15 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

Mark Drakeford The First Minister, one of the Welsh Ministers *Status:* Point in time view as at 11/07/2020. *Changes to legislation:* There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (revoked). (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 4 and 6

Businesses subject to [^{F75}specific] restrictions or closure

F75 Word in Sch. 1 heading inserted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(7)(c)**

PART 1

1. Restaurants, including restaurants and dining rooms in hotels or members' clubs.

Commencement Information

I13 Sch. 1 para. 1 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

- 2.—(1) Cafés, including workplace canteens (subject to sub-paragraph (2)), but not including—
 - (a) cafés or canteens at a hospital, care home or school;
 - (b) canteens at a prison or an establishment intended for use for naval, military or air force purposes or for the purposes of the Department of the Secretary of State responsible for defence;
 - (c) services providing food or drink to the homeless.
- (2) Workplace canteens may remain open where-
 - (a) there is no practical alternative for staff at that workplace to obtain food; and
 - (b) all reasonable measures are taken to ensure that a distance of 2 metres is maintained between any person using the canteen.

Commencement Information

I14 Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

3. Bars, including bars in hotels or members' clubs.

Commencement Information

I15 Sch. 1 para. 3 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

4. Public houses.

Commencement Information

I16 Sch. 1 para. 4 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

PART 2

5. Cinemas.

Status: Point in time view as at 11/07/2020. Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (revoked). (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

I17 Sch. 1 para. 5 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

6. Theatres.

Commencement Information

I18 Sch. 1 para. 6 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

7. Nightclubs.

Commencement Information

I19 Sch. 1 para. 7 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

8. Bingo halls.

Commencement Information

I20 Sch. 1 para. 8 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

9. Concert halls.

Commencement Information

I21 Sch. 1 para. 9 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

10. Museums, galleries ^{F76}... and archive services.

F76 Word in Sch. 1 para. 10 omitted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(5)(a) (with reg. 4)

Commencement Information

I22 Sch. 1 para. 10 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

11. Casinos.

Commencement Information

I23 Sch. 1 para. 11 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

F77 Sch. 1 para. 12 omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(10)(a) (with reg. 3)

13. Nail, beauty, hair salons and barbers.

Commencement Information

I24 Sch. 1 para. 13 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

14. Massage parlours.

Commencement Information

I25 Sch. 1 para. 14 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

15. Establishments providing tanning services, body piercings, tattooing, electrolysis or acupuncture.

Commencement Information

I26 Sch. 1 para. 15 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

16. Skating rinks.

Commencement Information

I27 Sch. 1 para. 16 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

17. Swimming pools.

Commencement Information

I28 Sch. 1 para. 17 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

18. Indoor fitness studios, gyms, spas or other indoor leisure centres or facilities.

Commencement Information

I29 Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

19. Bowling alleys, amusement arcades and indoor play areas.

Commencement Information

I30 Sch. 1 para. 19 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

20. Funfairs (whether outdoors or indoors).

Commencement Information

I31 Sch. 1 para. 20 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

21. Playgrounds ^{F78}... and outdoor gyms.

F78 Words in Sch. 1 para. 21 omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(10)(b) (with reg. 3)

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I32 Sch. 1 para. 21 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

^{F79}22.

F79 Sch. 1 para. 22 omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(c)** (with reg. 3)

F80 Sch. 1 para. 23 omitted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by virtue of The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(c)** (with reg. 3)

24. Auction houses [^{F81}(except for livestock auctions)].

F81 Words in Sch. 1 para. 24 inserted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **6(10)(c)**

Commencement Information

I33 Sch. 1 para. 24 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

[^{F82}24A. Indoor visitor attractions.]

F82 Sch. 1 para. 24A inserted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2**(7)(**a**) (with reg. 3)

PART 3

25. Holiday sites.

Commencement Information I34 Sch. 1 para. 25 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

26. Camping sites.

Commencement Information

I35 Sch. 1 para. 26 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

27. Hotels and bed and breakfast accommodation.

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Commencement Information

I36 Sch. 1 para. 27 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

28. Other holiday accommodation (including holiday apartments, hostels and boarding houses).

Commencement Information

I37 Sch. 1 para. 28 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

PART 4

29. Food retailers, including food markets, supermarkets, convenience stores, corner shops and establishments selling food or drink for consumption [^{F83}off] the premises (including establishments listed in Part 1 which, by virtue of regulation 4(1), have ceased selling food and drink for consumption on the premises).

F83 Word in Sch. 1 para. 29 substituted (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(7)(a)**

Commencement Information

I38 Sch. 1 para. 29 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

30. Off licenses and licensed shops selling alcohol (including breweries).

Commencement Information

I39 Sch. 1 para. 30 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

31. Pharmacies (including non-dispensing pharmacies) and chemists.

Commencement Information

I40 Sch. 1 para. 31 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

32. Newsagents.

Commencement Information

I41 Sch. 1 para. 32 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

33. Homeware, building supplies and hardware stores.

Commencement Information

I42 Sch. 1 para. 33 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

[^{F84}33A. Garden centres and plant nurseries.]

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- F84 Sch. 1 para. 33A inserted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(5)(b) (with reg. 4)
- **34.** Petrol stations.

Commencement Information

I43 Sch. 1 para. 34 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

35. Car repair and MOT services.

Commencement Information

I44 Sch. 1 para. 35 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

36. Bicycle shops.

Commencement Information

I45 Sch. 1 para. 36 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

37. Taxi or vehicle hire businesses.

Commencement Information

I46 Sch. 1 para. 37 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

38. Banks, building societies, credit unions, short term loan providers [^{F85}, savings clubs, cash points and undertakings which by way of business operate currency exchange offices, transmit money (or any representation of money) by any means or cash cheques which are made payable to customers.]

F85 Words in Sch. 1 para. 38 substituted (25.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/452), regs. 1(1), **6(10)(d)**

Commencement Information

I47 Sch. 1 para. 38 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

39. Post offices.

Commencement Information

I48 Sch. 1 para. 39 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

40. Funeral directors.

Commencement Information

I49 Sch. 1 para. 40 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

41. Laundrettes and dry cleaners.

Commencement Information

I50 Sch. 1 para. 41 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

42. Dental services, opticians, audiology services, chiropody, chiropractors, osteopaths and other medical or health services, including services relating to mental health.

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 1 para. 42 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

43. Veterinary surgeons and pet shops.

Commencement Information

I52 Sch. 1 para. 43 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

[^{F86}44. Agricultural or aquacultural supplies shops.

F86 Sch. 1 paras. 44, 44A substituted for Sch. 1 para. 44 (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(7)(b)**

44A. Livestock markets or auctions.]

F86 Sch. 1 paras. 44, 44A substituted for Sch. 1 para. 44 (7.4.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/399), regs. 1(1), **7(7)(b)**

45. Storage and distribution facilities, including delivery drop off points.

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 1 para. 45 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

46. Car parks.

Commencement Information

I54 Sch. 1 para. 46 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

47. Public toilets.

Commencement Information

I55 Sch. 1 para. 47 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

[^{F87}48. Libraries.]

F87 Sch. 1 para. 48 inserted (11.5.2020 at 4.00 p.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/497), regs. 1, 2(5)(c) (with reg. 4)

[^{F88}49. Estate or letting agents, developer sales offices and show homes.

F88 Sch. 1 paras. 49-54 inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(d)** (with reg. 3)

50. Car dealerships.

F88 Sch. 1 paras. 49-54 inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(d)** (with reg. 3)

51. Outdoor markets.

F88 Sch. 1 paras. 49-54 inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(d)** (with reg. 3)

52. Betting shops.

- **F88** Sch. 1 paras. 49-54 inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(d)** (with reg. 3)
- **53.** Indoor shopping centres and indoor shopping arcades.
- F88 Sch. 1 paras. 49-54 inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, 2(10)(d) (with reg. 3)

54. Any other business or premises offering goods or services for sale or hire in a shop.]

F88 Sch. 1 paras. 49-54 inserted (22.6.2020 at 12.01 a.m.) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/619), regs. 1, **2(10)(d)** (with reg. 3)

[^{F89}55. Outdoor visitor attractions.]

F89 Sch. 1 para. 55 inserted (6.7.2020) by The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/686), regs. 1, **2**(7)(**b**) (with reg. 3)

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 1

Underlying Health Conditions

1. Chronic (long-term) respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema or bronchitis.

Commencement Information

I56 Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

2. Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure.

Commencement Information

I57 Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

3. Chronic kidney disease.

Commencement Information

I58 Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

4. Chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis.

Commencement Information

I59 Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

5. Chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), a learning disability or cerebral palsy.

Commencement Information

I60 Sch. 2 para. 5 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

6. Diabetes.

Commencement Information

I61 Sch. 2 para. 6 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

7. Problems with the spleen, such as sickle cell disease or if the spleen has been removed.

Commencement Information

I62 Sch. 2 para. 7 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

8. A weakened immune system, including as the result of conditions such as HIV and AIDS, or medicines such as steroid tablets or chemotherapy.

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Commencement Information

I63 Sch. 2 para. 8 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

9. Being seriously overweight, with a body mass index of 40 or above.

Commencement Information

I64 Sch. 2 para. 9 in force at made date at 4.00 p.m., see reg. 1(1)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Part 2A of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 enables the Welsh Ministers, by regulations, to make provision for the purpose of preventing, protecting against, controlling or providing a public health response to the incidence or spread of infection or contamination in Wales.

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 Wales.

The Regulations replace the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Business Closure) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and the Health Protection (Coronavirus: Closure of Leisure Businesses, Footpaths and Access Land) (Wales) Regulations 2020, which are revoked by **regulation 2**, and make further provision.

The Regulations impose restrictions on individuals, businesses and others. In accordance with **regulation 3**, these restrictions apply for an "emergency period". This period lasts until a direction is given by the Welsh Ministers specifying that the restrictions, or any one restriction (or part of a restriction), is terminated. The Welsh Ministers are required to keep the need for the restrictions under review every 21 days.

Regulation 4 requires the closure of premises, listed in **Part 1** of **Schedule 1** to the Regulations, in which food and drink are sold on the premises. Selling food and drink for consumption off the premises is allowed to continue (but this must be done in accordance with regulation 6(1)). Regulation 4 also prohibits, subject to certain limited exceptions, the carrying on of a business or the provision of a service which is listed in **Part 2** or **Part 3** of **Schedule 1**. One exception allows certain business premises to be open, at the request of the Welsh Ministers or a local authority, in order to provide urgent public services.

Regulation 5 makes specific provision about holiday accommodation (including hotels and boarding houses). This provides that the requirement (in regulation 4) to close holiday sites (mobile homes sites for holiday use only or which cannot be occupied all year round) and camping sites, includes an obligation on the owners of these sites to use their best endeavours to vacate the premises. Regulation 5 also sets out exceptions to the requirement (in regulation 4) to close hotels and similar forms of accommodation.

Regulation 6 applies to certain businesses and services listed in **Part 4** of **Schedule 1** that are allowed to continue but must do so subject to the conditions specified.

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Regulation 7 makes specific provision about places of worship, crematoriums and community centres which must close subject to certain exceptions. Exceptions include providing essential voluntary services to homeless or vulnerable people and, upon the request of the Welsh Ministers or a local authority, providing urgent public services.

Regulation 8 imposes restrictions on movement and gatherings. This provides that no person may leave the place they live without a reasonable excuse (examples of which are listed). It also provides that no person may participate in a gathering in a public place of more than two people except in certain circumstances.

Regulation 9 imposes a requirement on local authorities, National Park authorities, Natural Resources Wales and the National Trust to close certain public paths and land accessible by the public. There is no requirement on the Welsh Ministers to review these provisions but the bodies on whom the duty to close footpaths and land is imposed must keep the need for any closure under consideration.

Regulation 10 relates to the enforcement of the restrictions imposed by the Regulations, which include a power of entry provided for in **regulation 11**. **Regulation 12** provides that a person who, without a reasonable excuse, contravenes (listed) requirements in these Regulations commits an offence. That offence is punishable by an unlimited fine. **Regulation 13** allows for offences to be punished by way of a fixed penalty notice and **regulation 14** relates to prosecutions of offences under the regulations.

Regulation 15 provides that these regulations expire on 26 September 2020, however the expiry of the Regulations does not affect the validity of actions taken under the Regulations before they expire.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to these Regulations. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared as to the likely cost and benefit of complying with these Regulations.

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