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# INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT (CHAPTER 137)

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES (MASS GATHERING TESTING FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019) (AMENDMENT NO. 13) REGULATIONS 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73(1) of the Infectious Diseases Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

#### Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) (Amendment No. 13) Regulations 2021 and come into operation on 1 December 2021.

### Amendment of regulation 2

- **2.** Regulation 2 of the Infectious Diseases (Mass Gathering Testing for Coronavirus Disease 2019) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended
  - (a) by deleting the word "or" at the end of paragraph (a) of the definition of "cleared status" in paragraph (1);
  - (b) by inserting the word "or" at the end of paragraph (b) of the definition of "cleared status" in paragraph (1), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
    - "(c) a cleared status (special) that is current;";
  - (c) by deleting the words "or 7(2)" in the definition of "cleared status certificate" in paragraph (1) and substituting the words ", 7(2) or 7A(2), (3) or (4)";

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of "cleared status (general)" and "cleared status (limited)" in paragraph (1), the following definition:
  - ""cleared status (special)" has the meaning given by regulation 7A;";
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "entrant" in paragraph (1), the following definition:
  - ""nationwide approved vaccine" means any of the following approved vaccines:
    - (a) Tozinameran (Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine);
    - (b) Moderna COVID-19 vaccine;
    - (c) Sinovac-Coronavac COVID-19 vaccine;";
- (f) by deleting the words ", in relation to an approved vaccine," in the definition of "vaccinated" in paragraph (1);
- (g) by deleting the words "the approved vaccine" in the definition of "vaccinated" in paragraph (1) and substituting the words "an approved vaccine or a combination of approved vaccines"; and
- (h) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:
  - "(4) To avoid doubt, for the purpose of determining whether an individual is vaccinated, any amendment to the First Schedule which inserts, or deletes and substitutes, any vaccine in the First Schedule applies in relation to any individual who is administered that vaccine even before the date the amendment to that Schedule comes into operation.".

#### Amendment of regulation 6

**3.** Regulation 6(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words "by the Director".

#### New regulation 7A

**4.** The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 7, the following regulation:

## "Meaning of "cleared status (special)"

- **7A.**—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, an individual is treated as having a cleared status (special) only if he or she is and to the extent certified under this regulation as having a cleared status (special).
- (2) Where the Director or a legally qualified medical practitioner diagnoses that an individual (of any age) without a cleared status (general) that is current, has a severe immunocompromising condition, or is undergoing or about to undergo an immunosuppressive therapy, anticipated to affect the suitability of the individual to be vaccinated against a COVID-19 infection using the nationwide approved vaccines, because the individual
  - (a) has undergone an organ transplant and is or was a recipient of an organ of a human body;
  - (b) is undergoing aggressive immunotherapy;
  - (c) is undergoing or is about to undergo active cancer treatment; or
  - (d) has undergone active cancer treatment,

the Director or legally qualified medical practitioner (as the case may be) may grant a certificate stating that the individual has a cleared status (special) for a period corresponding to the period of unsuitability to be so vaccinated —

(e) starting the date the individual is so diagnosed; and