Regulations made by the Department of Health and laid before the Assembly under section 25Q (Emergency procedure) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967, for approval of the Assembly before expiration of 28 days beginning with the day on which they are made.

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2021 No. 334

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Amendment No. 20) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

Made - - - -	*at 2.30 p.m. on 9th December 2021*
Laid before the Assembly	*at 3.30 p.m. on 9th December 2021*
Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1(2)	

The Department of Health(**1**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25C(1), 3(c), 4(d) and 25F(2) of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**2**).

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 Northern Ireland.

The Department of Health 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 25Q of that Act the Department of Health is of the opinion that, by reason of urgency, it is necessary to make these Regulations without a draft having been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Amendment No. 20) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021.

(2) These regulations come into operation at the time they are made.

(**1**) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; see 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s. 1(5)
(**2**) 1967 c. 36 (N.I.). Part 1A was inserted by section 48 of, and Schedule 18 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c.7)

Amendment of the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

2. The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021(**3**) are amended in accordance with Regulations 3 to 20.

3. In Regulation 1(2) omit the definition of "active period".

4. In Regulation 4(2)(f) for "person" substitute "officer".

5. In Regulation 5(3)(b)(ii) for "person" substitute "officer".

6. In Regulation 16B(3) for "commits an offence if they" substitute "is required not to".

7. In Regulation 16C(1)(b) for "within 48 hours before the" substitute "on the same calendar day, or one calendar day before, the day of the".

8. In Regulation 16C(2) after "in this regulation" insert "which does not itself contain a photograph of P" and omit "provided".

9. In Regulation 16C(3)(a)(v) after "reaction test" insert "(or other lab test)".

10. For Regulation 16E substitute—

"**16E.**—(1) This part applies to the "relevant premises" as listed in paragraphs (2) to (8), but not exempt premises listed in paragraph (9).

(2) Premises (whether indoor or outdoor):

(a) in which intoxicating liquor is sold or provided for consumption on the premises (whether indoor or outdoor), or

(b) to which the public have access where consumption of intoxicating liquor is permitted;

(3) theatres.

(4) concert halls.

(5) cinemas.

(6) indoor premises other than private dwellings when used for the purpose of a performance, recording or rehearsal.

(7) premises used for the purposes of a conference or exhibition.

(8) premises hosting a relevant event (other than an exempt event listed in Schedule 2A).

(9) The exempt premises for the purposes of paragraph (2) are:

(a) such premises at a port or airport;

(b) the cross-border inter-city rail service between Dublin and Belfast "the Enterprise";

(c) a place of worship during a service;

(d) premises of educational establishments other than those parts of the premises where intoxicating liquor may be consumed on the premises; or

(e) premises, or parts thereof, being used solely for the purposes of blood donation at the time they are being so used."

11. Regulation 16F(2) is amended as follows—

(**3**) S.R 2021 No. 93 as amended by S.R. 2021 Nos. 97, 109, 117, 130, 141, 151, 172, 197, 199, 201, 217,220, 224, 233, 251, 276, 283,292 and 315