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. 251

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Amendment No. 15) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021

Made - - - -	*at 2.30 p.m. on 10th September 2021*
Laid before the Assembly	*at 3.30 p.m. on 10th September 2021*
Coming into operation	*at 5.00 p.m. on 10th September 2021*

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(SARA-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. 15) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021.

(2) These Regulations come into operation at 5 p.m. on 10th September 2021.

(**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)

2. The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (Amendment No.7) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 are revoked.

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

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

4. In regulation 1(2), in the definition of "table" after "as a bar for the service of food or drink" insert "but does not include a pool table, snooker table or other games table".

5. Omit regulation 4(2)(a).

6. In regulation 4(2)(b) omit "allocated" at both places where it appears.

7. In regulation 4(2)(c) after "make a payment," insert "place or collect an order for food or drink (including intoxicating liquor), access a buffet or carvery, play a gaming machine, play a game such as pool, snooker or darts or dance at an event to celebrate a wedding or civil ceremony,".

8. In regulation 4(2)(d) after "visitors to the venue" insert "except at an event to celebrate a marriage or civil partnership".

9. Omit regulations 4(2)(k) and 4(2)(1)

10. Omit regulation 4(3)(b) and the word "and" which follows it.

11. In regulation 4(3)(c) after "food or drink (including intoxicating liquor)" insert "indoors".

12. In regulation 4(4) omit "(3)(b) or".

13. Omit regulation 4(6).

14. In regulation 5(1)(f)(i) after "dancing" insert "except at an event to celebrate a wedding or civil partnership".

15. In regulation 5(1)(f)(ii) after "for dancing" insert "except at an event to celebrate a wedding or civil partnership".

16. Omit regulation 5(1)(fa).

17. In regulations 5(1)(h)(i) after "who may be seated" insert "indoors".

18. Omit regulation 5(1)(h)(ii) and the word "and" which precedes it.

19. In regulation 5(1)(k) after "who may be seated" insert "indoors".

20. Omit regulation 5(1)(l).

21. In regulation 5(1)(m) after "food or drink (including intoxicating liquor)" insert "indoors".

22. In regulation 5(l)(n), after "must not permit a customer to move within the" insert "indoors part of".

23. For regulation 5(l)(n)(i) substitute—

"(i) enter or exit the premises, access a table, make a payment, place an order for food or drink (including intoxicating liquor), access a buffet or carvery, access and use toilet, baby changing or breast feeding facilities or a smoking area, play a gaming machine, play a game such as pool, snooker or darts, dance at an event to celebrate a wedding or civil partnership; or"

(**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 and 233