

**Ordinance 07 of 2020**

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**COURTS (CONSTITUTION AND JURISDICTION)  
(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2020**

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An Ordinance to amend the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) Ordinance 2007.

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*09 April 2020*

**BE** it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

**Short title**

**1.** This Ordinance may be cited as the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020.

**Commencement**

**2.** This Ordinance comes into force on 11 April 2020.

### **Amendment of the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) Ordinance 2007**

3. The Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) Ordinance 2007(a) is amended as follows.

4. After section 38A insert—

#### **“Special live link for the protection of public health**

**38B.**—(1) This section applies where special measures are necessary for preventing or protecting against the incidence or spread of a dangerous infectious disease as defined in section 2 of the Quarantine Ordinance(b).

(2) A person may, if a court so directs, participate in any proceedings by special live link for the purpose provided in subsection (1).

(3) A person participating by special live link in accordance with a direction under subsection (2) is to be treated as present in court.

(4) Where this section applies, any reference to live link in this Ordinance also includes special live link.

(5) In this section “special live link” means—

(a) a live link; or

(b) any other arrangement by which a person, when not in the courtroom or other place where proceedings are being held, is able to—

(i) participate in the proceeding; and

(ii) hear the proceedings and be heard by all persons referred to in section 2A(2).”

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(a) Ordinance 5/2007, as amended by Ordinances 8/2012, 2/2014, 6/2016, 2/2017, 2/2018, 3/2018 and 3/2019.

(b) Cap. 260, Statute Laws of Cyprus revised edition 1959, as applied to and adapted in the Areas by the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia Order in Council 1960 (SI 1960/1369, United Kingdom) and the Interpretation Ordinance 2012 (8/2012).

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Ordinance)*

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Ordinance 2020 (“the Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.

**2.** The Ordinance amends the Courts (Constitution and Jurisdiction) Ordinance 2007 (“the principal Ordinance”).

**3.** Section 4 inserts a new section 38B (Special live link for the protection of public health) into the principal Ordinance. The new section 38B makes specific provisions for attendance remotely for the purpose of preventing or protecting against the incidence or spread of a dangerous infectious disease.

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