
**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(AMENDMENT NO.4) ORDINANCE 2020**

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2020.

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

24 April 2020

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Amendment No.4) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force the day after the day it is made.

Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2020

2.—(1) The Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2020(a) is amended as follows.

(2) After section 7A, insert—

“Compulsory testing of staff

7B.—(1) The owners and the managers of businesses of a description listed below must ensure that the staff of the business undergo a molecular test for Covid-19 by 8th May 2020—

(a) supermarkets and bakeries;

(a) Ordinance 4/2020, amended by Ordinance 5/2020, and Ordinance 08/20, extended by P.I. 8/2020.

- (b) businesses forming part of the supply chain of the businesses referred to in paragraph (a);
- (c) care homes for the elderly; and
- (d) fruit markets, kiosks, mini markets, grocery stores, meat markets and fish markets.

(2) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under section 10 relating to a failure to comply with subsection (1) to prove that the person used all reasonable endeavours to achieve the result required by that subsection or as soon as reasonably practical thereafter.

(3) The owners and the managers referred to in subsection (1) must ensure that the staff members incur no expenses for the testing.

Provision of personal protective equipment to staff

7C.—(1) The owners and managers of the businesses listed below must ensure that the staff of the following business are provided with face masks and gloves—

- (a) businesses of a type listed in section 7B(1);
- (b) confectionary stores;
- (c) cava;
- (d) other businesses or services preparing food; and
- (e) other businesses or services preparing beverages.

(2) The staff of the businesses referred to in subsection (1) must not carry out work in that capacity or move inside the premises of the businesses in question without wearing masks and gloves.”.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Amendment No. 3) 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 is substantially similar to paragraphs 2(n) and (o) of the Quarantine (Measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19) (No. 16) Order 2020 of the Republic, P.I. 169/2020, published in Supplement III(I) of Gazette No. 5248.
3. Section 2 inserts new sections 7B and 7C in the Public Health (Covid-19) Ordinance 2020 (the “principal Ordinance”).
4. Subsection (1) of new section 7B requires all owners and managers of the businesses listed in that subsection to ensure that all of their staff undergo a molecular test for Covid-19 by 8 May 2020 (inclusive).
5. Subsection (2) requires that the owners and managers of these businesses bear all costs relating to the testing of their employees.
6. New section 7C requires that the owners and managers of those business listed in section 7B(1), as well as any other business involving in the preparation of food and/or beverages, ensure that their staff have personal protective requirement in the form of face masks and gloves. It also requires the staff to wear masks and gloves when carrying out their duties or moving inside the premises.

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