
**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19) (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE
2020**

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

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

02 June 2020

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

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation)(Amendment) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 4 June 2020.

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

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

(2) In section 3(1), for the definition of “relevant health and safety guidelines”, substitute—

““relevant health and safety guidelines” means any guidelines, as amended from time to time—

(a) Ordinance 13/2020.

- (a) referred to in a provision of the legislation of the Republic corresponding to a provision of this Ordinance where the phrase “relevant health and safety guidelines” is used; and
 - (b) the purpose of which is to prevent or protect against the incidence or spread of Covid-19;”.
- (3) In section 4(7) after “organise or permit” insert “a religious ceremony such as”.
- (4) At the beginning of section 5(2), insert “Except where section 4(6) (religious worship) and 4(7) (religious ceremonies) apply,”.
- (5) In section 6(5) after “retail business” insert “, hotel or other tourist accommodation,”.
- (6) Omit section 10 (restrictions on the operation of hotels and other tourist accommodation).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19)(Consolidation) (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. This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance. So, when a section or part of a section does not seem to require any explanation or comment, none is given.

3. The Ordinance makes provision to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19)(Consolidation) Ordinance 2020 (“the principal Ordinance”) in order to enact further measures designed to protect public health in connection with Covid-19, and for connected purposes, in the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.

4. Section 2(2) amends the definition of “relevant health and safety guidelines” in section 3(1) of the principal Ordinance. It gives effect, in the Areas, to the equivalent guidelines issued by the Republic.

5. Section 2(3) amends section 4(7) of the principal Ordinance to provide that religious ceremonies such as weddings, funerals and christenings are permitted to take place.

6. Section 2(4) inserts in section 5(2) of the principal Ordinance a provision expressly providing that the prohibition on the organisation of events or gatherings of more than 10 persons does not apply where section 4(6), which permits group religious worship, or 4(7), which permits the organisation of religious ceremonies such as weddings, funerals or christenings, apply.

7. Section 2(5) amends section 6(5) of the principal Ordinance (restrictions on the operation of commercial and cultural enterprises) by inserting a provision that hotels and other tourist accommodation must observe the relevant health and safety guidelines.

8. Section 2(6) omits section 10 of the principal Ordinance (restrictions on the operation of hotels and other tourist accommodation). This omission will permit hotels and tourist lodgings to begin operating.

9. Sections 2(5) and (6) of the Ordinance are intended to mirror the Quarantine (Measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus Covid-19)(No. 25) Order of 2020 of the Republic in respect of regulation 2.7, which permits hotels and tourist lodgings to operate.

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