

Ordinance 35 of 2020

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)
(CONSOLIDATION NO.2) (AMENDMENT NO.11)
ORDINANCE 2020**

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2)
Ordinance 2020.

R. Thomson
ADMINISTRATOR

16 October 2020

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

PART 1

Preliminary

Short title and Commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment No.11) Ordinance 2020.

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

Amendment of the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020

2.—(1) The Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020(a) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 5 omit subsections (4) and (5).

(3) For section 5A, substitute—

“Events and gatherings: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area

5A.—(1) This section applies in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area only.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), no person may—

- (a) be simultaneously present in a place of residence with more than 9 other persons, or
- (b) gather in a group of more than 10 persons (including the person in question) in any other place.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to—

- (a) a ceremony, such as a wedding, funeral or christening,
- (b) an act of worship at a place of religious worship,
- (c) dining premises,
- (d) reception halls,
- (e) conference halls,
- (f) theatres,
- (g) cinemas,
- (h) performance halls, or
- (i) a place as further set out under relevant health and safety guidelines.

(4) A person may organise or permit a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening to take place only if that person ensures that no more than 75 persons are simultaneously present.”

(4) After section 5A insert—

“Sporting Events: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area

5B.—(1) This section applies in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area only.

(2) A person organising a sporting event at a sports facility must not permit or suffer spectators to attend the event.”

(5) For subsection 8A substitute—

“Provision of food and drinks: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area

8A.—(1) This section applies in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area only.

(2) In a place referred to in section 8(1), no more than 10 customers may be seated at any table.”

(6) In section 9(1) —

- (a) at paragraph (v) after “such as dance;” omit the word “and”.
- (b) after paragraph (v), insert—

(a) Ordinance 18/2020, amended by Ordinances 19/2020, 20/2020, 24/2020, 25/2020, 26/2020, 27/2020, 28/2020, 29/2020, 30/2020 and 31/2020.

“(w) a conference, reception or events hall, and
(x) a sports facility.”

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 No.11) 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.
- 3.** The amendments are intended to mirror the Quarantine (Measures to Prevent the Spread of the coronavirus COVID-19) (Order No.45) Order 2020, PI 466/2020 of the Republic (the Republic Order).
- 4.** Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19)(Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020 (“the principal Ordinance”).
- 5.** Section 2(2) updates the principal Ordinance to reflect changes in the Republic Order in relation to sporting events.
- 6.**Section 2(3) inserts a new section 5A into principal Ordinance, which regulates events and gathering in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area. This replaces the previous section 5A and so repeals all the restrictions that were in place for the Areas which, before 16th August 1960, lay within the district of Larnaca.
- 7.** Under the new section 5AB, the presence of more than 10 persons in places of residence or any other place is prohibited.
- 8.** Exceptions to the prohibition of gathering in groups of more than 10 persons in public places, are: ceremonies such as a wedding, funeral or christening; acts of worship at a place of religious worship; restaurants or other catering premises; reception halls; conference halls; cinemas; theatres; and performance venues.
- 9.** New section 5A(4) of the principal Ordinance provides that a person may permit no more than 75 persons to be simultaneously present on the premises. It also provides that a person may organise or permit a ceremony such as a wedding, funeral or christening to take place only if that person ensures that no more than 75 persons are simultaneously present.
- 10.** Section 2(4) introduces a new section 5B, which provides that in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area no spectators are permitted at sports facilities.
- 11.**Section 2(5) inserts a new section 8A which provides that in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area, no more than 10 persons may be seated at the same table in restaurants and other catering premises.
- 12.**Section 2(6) extends the requirement for operators of certain facilities to comply with the relevant health and safety guidelines to those operating conference, reception or events halls and sports facilities.