

**Ordinance 37 of 2020**

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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(CONSOLIDATION NO.2) (AMENDMENT NO.13)  
ORDINANCE 2020**

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

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*20 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.13) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force on 21 October 2020.

## **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 (events and gatherings)—

(a) omit subsections (6) and (7),

(b) after subsection (1) insert—

“(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,

(i) a sporting event at a sports facility, or

(j) a place as further set out under relevant health and safety guidelines.

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

(3) Omit—

(a) section 5A (events and gatherings: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area), and

(b) section 5B (sporting Events: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area).

(4) In section 8 (provision of food and drink)—

(a) in subsection (1), for “catering business”, substitute “catering activity”,

(b) in subsection (2)—

(i) in paragraph (a) after “seated at tables” omit “and”,

(ii) after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) no more than 10 customers may be seated at any table, and”

(5) In section 8A (provision of food and drinks: Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area only) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) No person may, between the hours of 10.30pm and 5am, operate a catering activity where food is provided to customers on the premises, whether for consumption on the premises or off the premises.”

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<sup>a</sup> Ordinance 18/2020, amended by Ordinances 19/2020, 20/2020, 24/2020, 25/2020, 26/2020, 27/2020, 28/2020, 29/2020, 30/2020, 33/2020 and 35/2020

(6) After section 8A insert—

**“Provision of services at pharmacies and supermarkets**

**8B.**—(1) Subject to subsection (2) prior to 9:00am on any day, pharmacies and grocery stores must refuse entry to any person who is not—

- (a) over sixty years old; or
- (b) suffering from a disability, within the meaning of the Disabled Persons Ordinance 2016<sup>(a)</sup>.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply on land occupied by the Crown in right of its Government of the United Kingdom.”

(7) In section 9(1)(j), for “catering business”, substitute “catering activity”.

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(a) Ordinance 17/2016.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

**1.** This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment No.13) Ordinance 2020. 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.47) Order 2020, PI 477/2020 of the Republic.

**4.** Section 2 amends the Protection of Public Health (Covid-19)(Consolidation No.2) Ordinance 2020 (“the principal Ordinance”).

**5.** Section 2(2) amends the principal Ordinance regarding the restrictions on the number of people that are permitted to be present in one place, so that the presence of more than 10 persons in places of residence, and the gathering in groups of more than 10, or any other place is prohibited. This applies across the Sovereign Base Areas.

**6.** 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; sporting events and performance venues. The presence of spectators at sporting events is prohibited.

**7.**Section 2(4) provides that across the Sovereign Base Areas, no more than 10 persons may be seated at the same table in restaurants and other catering premises.

**8.**Section 2(5) prohibits, in the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area, catering premises from opening between 10:30pm and 5am unless providing home delivery services.

**9.** Section 2(6) provides that operators of pharmacies and grocery stores must prohibit entry to anyone that is not aged over sixty or who has a disability before 9:00am. This does not apply to Crown land occupied by the Ministry of Defence.

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