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**PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19)  
(CONSOLIDATION NO.2) (AMENDMENT NO. 21)  
ORDINANCE 2020**

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

R. Thomson  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

*23 December 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) (Consolidation No.2) (Amendment No. 21) Ordinance 2020.

(2) This Ordinance comes into force at 6:00pm on 24 December 2020.

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(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, 33/2020, 35/2020, 36/2020, 37/2020, 38/2020, 39/2020, 40/2020, 41/2020, 42/2020, 43/2020 and 44/2020.

## **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 is amended as follows.

(2) In section 5 (events and gatherings)—

(a) in subsection (1) omit “open air”,

(b) in subsection (3)—

(i) in paragraph (j) for the full stop, substitute a comma,

(ii) after paragraph (j) insert—

“(k) open air markets.”,

(c) at the beginning of subsection (5), for “Subject to subsection (5A)” substitute “Subject to subsections (5A) and (5B)”,

(d) at the beginning of subsection (5A) insert “Subject to subsection (5B).”,

(e) after subsection (5A) insert—

“(5B) On 25 December 2020 and 6 January 2021, the person in control of a place of religious worship may permit no more than 75 persons to be simultaneously present on the premises.

(5C) Where subsection (5B) applies, no more than an average of 1 person per 3 square metres may be present in a place of religious worship at any given time.”.

(3) In section 5C (restrictions on movement)—

(a) for subsection (2) substitute—

“(2) Subject to subsections (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) no person may be outside a place of residence between 9:00pm and 5:00am.”,

(b) after subsection (4) insert—

“(5) Except where subsections (3) and (4) apply, on 24 December 2020 no person may be outside a place of residence between 11:00pm and 5:00am.

(6) Except where subsections (3) and (4) apply, on 31 December 2020 no person may be outside a place of residence before 5:00am.

(7) Except where subsections (3) and (4) apply, on 1 January 2021 no person may be outside a place of residence—

(a) between 1:00am and 5:00am; and

(b) after 9:00pm.”.

(4) In section 6 (restrictions on the operation of activities)—

(a) omit subsection (9),

(b) in subsection (10) for “(9)” substitute “(12)”,

(c) after subsection (11) insert—

“(12) The person in charge of a betting house must—

(a) ensure that persons present in the betting house must not exceed 1 person per 10 square metres; and

(b) comply with the relevant health and safety guidelines.”.

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

(a) in subsection (3) after paragraph (e) insert—

“(f) where subsection (2)(a) applies on 24 December 2020 and 31 December 2020, food and drink must not be served or provided to customers for consumption after 11:00pm,

(g) where subsection 2(a) applies on 24 December 2020 and 31 December 2020, except as provided by the relevant health and safety guidelines—

- (i) no more than 75 people may be present in the premises at any given time,
  - (ii) no more than an average of 1 person per 3 square metres may be present in the indoor areas of the premises at any given time; and
  - (iii) no more than an average of 1 person per 2 square metres may be present in the outdoor areas of the premises at any given time.”.
- (b) in subsection (4) after “provided to customers” insert “on the premises”.

## **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. 21) 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 Notice. 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.59) of 2020 of the Republic.

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

**5.** Section 5 of the Principal Ordinance is amended to permit a maximum of 75 people to attend places of religious worship on 25 December 2020 and 6 January 2021 respectively, provided they adhere to relevant health and safety guidelines.

**6.** Section 5C of the Principal Ordinance is amended to provide that on 24 December 2020 people can leave their place of residence until 11pm, on 31 December 2020 there is no limit to when a person can leave their place of residence in the evening and on 1 January 2021 a person must not leave a residence between 1:00am to 5:00am and again after 9:00pm.

**7.** Section 6 of the Principal Ordinance is amended to permit betting houses to open subject to relevant health and safety guidelines.

**8.** Section 8 of the Principal Ordinance is amended to extend operating hours of businesses providing food and drink on 24 December 2020 and 31 December 2020, subject to relevant health and safety guidelines.

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