
**QUARANTINE (MEASURES TO PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19) REGULATIONS 2020**

The Administrator makes the following Regulations in exercise of the power under section 6(b), (c) and (d) of the Quarantine Ordinance^(a).

Citation, commencement and duration

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Quarantine (Measures to Prevent the Spread of Covid-19) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 13th March 2020.

(3) These Regulations remain in force until 31th March 2020.

Indoor gatherings

2.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (4), the occupier of a room must not permit or suffer more than 75 persons to be present within that room.

(2) For the purposes of calculating the number of persons present in a room for the purposes of paragraph (1), persons present in the room are to be disregarded if—

- (a) the room is the normal place where they carry out work as part of a trade, business, employment or profession, and
- (b) they are present in that room for the purposes of such work.

(3) Where, by virtue of paragraph (2), more than 75 persons are lawfully present in a room, the occupier of that room must ensure that the persons present in the room take all measures of hygiene necessary to ensure that they do not spread infectious diseases.

(4) When calculating the number of persons present in a room for the purposes of paragraph (1), persons who are in a room only temporarily, and only stay for short periods of time in any place within that room, must be disregarded.

(5) For the purposes of this regulation, the size of a space is immaterial in determining whether it is a room or not.

Mass outdoor events

3.—(1) A person organising an outdoor event must not suffer or permit more than 250 persons to be present at that event, whether as participants or spectators.

(2) In this regulation, “event” includes a social, cultural or sports event.

(a) Cap. 260, Statute Laws of Cyprus revised edition 1959, as applied to and adapted in the Areas by the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia Order in Council 1960 (SI 1960/1369, United Kingdom) and the Interpretation ordinance 2012 (8/2012).

Sporting events

4.—(1) A person organising a sporting event must not permit or suffer spectators to attend the event.

(2) In this regulation, “sporting event” means any sporting or athletic activity organised and conducted under rules laid down by a sports governing body such as association football, basketball, horse racing, athletics and other similar formally organised sporting or athletic activity.

General provision

5. Provisions of these regulations that impose a requirement on a person impose on that person, an obligation to use reasonable care to comply with that requirement.

Dated this 12th day of March 2020.

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Administrator,
Sovereign Base Areas.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Quarantine (Measures to Prevent the Spread of Covid-19) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations). 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 Regulations.
2. The Regulations are substantially similar to the Quarantine (Measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19) Order 2020 of the Republic, P.I. 90/2020. published in Supplement III(I) of Gazette No. 5213.
3. Under regulation 1, the Regulations come into force on 13th March 2020, and will remain in force until 31st March 2020 (inclusive: see section 43(1)(b) of the Interpretation Ordinance 2012, Ordinance 8/2012), unless they are extended by an amendment, or revoked beforehand.
4. Regulation 2(1) requires the occupier of a room to prevent the gathering of more than 75 persons in that room. This applies regardless of the size of the space in question: see regulation 2(5). Regulation 2(2) provides that, where a room is the normal place of work of given persons, and they are present in the room for the purposes of such work, those persons do not count towards the 75 persons limit. Under regulation 2(3), where the application of that provision means that there are more than 75 in a room, the occupant must ensure that the persons present take hygiene measures to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Regulation 2(4) also provides that persons who are in a room only temporarily, and only stay for short periods of time in any place within that room, do not count towards the 75 persons limit.
5. Under regulation 3, the organiser of outdoor events, such as social, cultural or sporting events, must not allow more than 250 persons to be present, whether as participants or spectators.
6. Under regulation 4(1), sporting events must take place without spectators. “Sporting event” is defined by regulation 4(2) as any sporting or athletic activity organised and conducted under rules laid down by a sports governing body such as association football, basketball, horse racing, athletics and other similar formally organised sporting or athletic activity.
7. Under regulation 5, the requirements imposed by these Regulations are requirements totake reasonable care to fulfil them.
8. Under section 7 of the Quarantine Ordinance, a person contravening these Regulations is guilty of an offence, and liable to imprisonment of up to six months, a fine up to €768 (see also Increase of Fines Ordinance 1987, Ordinance 2/1987 and Notification under Section 11(1) of the Euro Ordinance 2007, P.I. 44/2007), or to both such penalties.

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