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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(CAP. 465)

Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks (Amendment No. 3) Regulations, 2020

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 26 and 27(c) of the Public Health Act, the Minister responsible for public health, after consultation with the Superintendent of Public Health, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks (Amendment No. 3) Regulations, 2020 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks Regulations hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations". S.L. 465. 48.

(2) Regulation 2 shall be deemed to have come into force on the 17th October 2020.

(3) Regulation 3 of the principal regulations shall, with reference to regulation 2 of these regulations, come into force on the 23rd October 2020.

Substitutes regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulation:

"Mandatory use of visor or medical or cloth masks.

2. (1) Any person shall, outside his residence, both when going to an indoor place and outdoors, wear a medical or cloth mask or visor in a proper manner covering the nose, mouth and chin of the person:

Provided that the mandatory use of medical or cloth masks or visors shall not apply to private homes or private vehicles:

Provided further that the following individuals shall be exempt from the requirement to wear a face mask:

(a) children up to three (3) years of age; and

(b) persons with severe cognitive, physical, mental or respiratory impairments who have difficulties tolerating a mask as certified by a licensed medical practitioner, in which case such individuals shall at all times carry the relevant medical certificate exempting them from wearing a mask.

(2) Without prejudice to sub-regulation (1), the temporary removal of face-masks shall be permissible in the following situations:

(a) in the case of children attending kindergarten, while in the classroom;

(b) during high intensity physical activity;

(c) when speaking or providing assistance to any individual who relies on lip reading to communicate;

(d) during official public speaking provided that a physical distance of at least two (2) meters between individuals is maintained:

Provided that the delivery of lessons or lectures in schools, universities or other education establishments shall not be construed as official public speaking;

(e) if requested to for identification purposes, including at banks, at the airport or seaport or by law enforcement officials;

(f) to receive any medical or cosmetic treatment or service involving the face or mouth;

(g) to take medication; or

(h) when seated at establishments where food and drink is served.".

Adds new regulation to the principal regulations.

3. Immediately after regulation 3 of the principal regulations there shall be added the following new regulation:

"Transitory provision.

4. Any breach of regulation 2 of these regulations occurring before the 23rd October 2020 shall be regulated by these regulations prior to the coming into force of the Mandatory Use of Medical or Cloth Masks (Amendment No. 3) Regulations, 2020.".

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