L.N. 337 of 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT
(CAP. 465)

Number of Persons in Public Spaces Regulations, 2020

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by articles 26 and article 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 Number of Persons in Public Spaces Regulations, 2020.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 19th August, 2020.

Prohibition of groups in public spaces of more than fifteen persons.

2. In public spaces groups of more than fifteen (15) persons shall be prohibited including in queues and bus stops:

Provided that this prohibition shall not apply to groups of persons in public places if the persons live in the same residence:

Provided further that persons waiting in queues or on bus stops this prohibition shall apply only unless these persons do not keep a distance of two metres between them:

Provided further that the Minister responsible for public health after consultation with Superintendent of Public Health may, at his discretion, revise the number of persons by notice in the Gazette.

Offences and penalties.

3. Any person who fails to abide by the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to the payment of a penalty of hundred euro (€100) for each and every instance in which these regulations are breached:

Provided that if the offence is admitted and the penalty is paid before proceedings are commenced before the Commissioner for Justice, the penalty applicable shall be reduced to fifty euro (€50).

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