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Proposition in pursuance of Rule 18 submitted by the Chairman of the Civil Contingencies Authority

The States are asked to decide whether they are of the opinion to approve the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 10) Regulations, 2020.

EMERGENCY POWERS (CORONAVIRUS) (GENERAL PROVISION) (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) (NO. 10) REGULATIONS, 2020

In pursuance of section 16 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012, the "Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 10) Regulations, 2020", made by the Civil Contingencies Authority on 14th, December 2020, are intended to be laid before the States on 16th December, 2020. Under that section they will lapse at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the date of laying unless, during that period, a proposition is put before the States to approve them which is not carried, in which case the regulations shall lapse, or the States pass a resolution approving them.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations are emergency regulations made by the Civil Contingencies Authority under Part 3 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012 ("the Law"). They are made on the occurrence of an emergency, within the meaning of the Law, in the Bailiwick, arising from the urgent need to prevent, control or mitigate the spread of the virus Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 and the disease caused thereby, COVID-19 (referred to together in these regulations as coronavirus). They are prefaced with a statement by the Civil Contingencies Authority, as required by section 12(2) of the Law. COVID-19 was made a notifiable disease for the purposes of the Public Health Ordinance, 1936 on 10th February 2020.

These Regulations revoke and re-enact (with minor modifications) regulations previously made by the Civil Contingencies Authority in respect of the coronavirus pandemic.

These Regulations will come into force on the 15th December, 2020 and shall have temporary effect only in accordance with the provisions of section 16 (duration and scrutiny of emergency regulations) of the Law.

Part I - screening, assessment and powers to detain etc.

This Part places a requirement to self-isolate on persons arriving in the Bailiwick, enables the Medical Officer of Health to place restrictions and requirements on other persons who are or who may be infected with coronavirus, and makes provision in respect of

related matters, including powers for the Medical Officer of Health to impose screening requirements, to detain people and to require people to self-isolate. The provisions also create criminal offences and confer powers of enforcement on police officers, and provide for applications to vary or revoke requirements or restrictions imposed under this part to be made to the Royal Court.

Schedules 1 and 2 to these Regulations (which are given effect by Regulation 5) set out exceptions to the requirement to self-isolate on arrival in the Bailiwick, in respect of critical workers and persons eligible to take part in the 7 day self-isolation option and who take a day 13 test.

Part II – miscellaneous and final

Regulation 17 gives effect to Schedule 3 to these Regulations which sets out the modifications to be made to mental health legislation having effect in the Bailiwick.

Paragraph 4 of that Schedule modifies the Mental Health (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2010 to permit an approved medical practitioner (rather than only a second opinion approved doctor) to provide a certificate for the purposes of section 56 of that Law where the practitioner is of the opinion that it is not reasonably practicable or would involve unreasonable delay to comply with the unmodified requirement of that section.

Paragraphs 5 to 6 modify the Mental Health Review Tribunal Procedure Rules, 2012 to provide that the Mental Health Review Tribunal may properly be constituted according to specified criteria.

Regulation 18 makes provision in relation to Senior Decision Makers ("SDMs") appointed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission, including providing for SDMs to hold oral hearings remotely. Regulation 19 empowers the Medical Officer of Health to exercise her powers to require schools to take measures to prevent the spread of infection in Sark, and provides, for the avoidance of doubt, that such measures may include the immediate closure of any school. Regulation 20 enables the Court of Appeal to conduct its proceedings remotely.

LAYING OF URGENT PROPOSITIONS UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR THE STATES OF DELIBERATION AND THEIR COMMITTEES

Further, Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedures for the States of Deliberation and their Committees prescribes as follows:

Urgent propositions

18. A proposition as regards which an immediate decision is necessary or desirable may, with the permission of the Presiding Officer, be submitted to the States on behalf of a Committee or by the Presiding Officer in his or her own right

at any Meeting, and may be debated and decided upon, with or without amendment, at that Meeting. Such proposition shall be in writing and shall be headed "Proposition in pursuance of Rule 18 submitted by the [President of the ... Committee / Presiding Officer]", and copies thereof shall be delivered beforehand to the Presiding Officer, Her Majesty's Procureur and the President of the Policy & Resources Committee;

Provided that:

- (a) if the postponement of the debate, or of the taking of a decision, on the proposition be moved and be supported by not less than one third of the Members voting on the motion, the debate, or the taking of a decision, on the proposition, as the case may be, shall be postponed until a date to be fixed by the Presiding Officer; and
- (b) on any such postponement, a motion for the immediate publication or circulation, in such manner as the Presiding Officer shall decide, of all relevant material shall have effect if supported by not less than one third of the Members voting on the motion.