

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. 13) Regulations, 2021.

EMERGENCY POWERS (CORONAVIRUS) (GENERAL PROVISION) (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) (NO. 13) REGULATIONS, 2021

In pursuance of section 16 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012, the "Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 13) Regulations, 2021", made by the Civil Contingencies Authority on 23rd November, 2021, are intended to be laid before the States on 24th November, 2021. 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 modifications) regulations previously made by the Civil Contingencies Authority in respect of the coronavirus pandemic.

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 appeals against requirements or restrictions imposed under this Part by the Medical Officer of Health (as well as in respect of determinations concerning vaccination

status and decisions in respect of specific conditions imposed on Critical Workers) to be made to the Royal Court.

Regulation 4 gives effect to Schedule 1, which makes provision in respect of Critical Workers. A person who has been granted a Critical Worker Exemption will have to self-isolate in accordance with, and otherwise comply with, the provisions of Schedule 1.

Schedule 2 to these regulations, which is given effect by regulation 5, provides for reduced, or no, self-isolation to be undertaken by persons who arrive from a place specified as a Green List Country or a Red List Country on the States of Guernsey website, and who elect to comply with the testing requirements set out therein.

Arrivals from Green List Countries are treated differently depending on whether they have a full vaccination history within the meaning of the Regulations. It imposes a requirement on arrivals from Green List Countries with a full vaccination history to take on their day of arrival a self-administered lateral flow test for COVID-19 provided to them on arrival; to report any positive test results to Public Health; and to comply with any direction given to them on so doing. It makes a failure (without reasonable excuse) to comply with these requirements a criminal offence. The Regulations also impose a requirement to pay a fee for the provided tests before travel.

This Part also provides for "Blue Arrivals" – that is, persons (including children) arriving in the Bailiwick from within the Common Travel Area - to be free from self-isolation on arrival.

Finally, this Part provides that a person (other than a child under 5) who does not wish to undergo any testing on arrival has to self-isolate for 10 days on arrival.

Part II – miscellaneous and final

Schedule 3 to these Regulations, which is given effect by regulation 20, sets out the modifications to be made to mental health legislation having effect in the Bailiwick. Paragraphs 4 and 5 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.

These Regulations came into force on the 24th November, 2021 and shall have temporary effect only in accordance with the provisions of section 16 (duration and scrutiny of emergency regulations) of the Law.

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.