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PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH (COVID-19) (AMENDMENT NO.2) ORDINANCE 2024

An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2024.

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BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment No.2) Ordinance 2024.
 - (2) This Ordinance comes into force on 29th March 2024.

Amendments to the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2024

2. The Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) Ordinance 2024(a) ("the Ordinance") is amended as follows.

Amendments to section 2 (interpretation)

- 3.—(1) In section 2(1) of the Ordinance, omit the following definitions—
 - (a) "certificate of recovery from Covid-19";
 - (b) "immigration officer";

⁽a) Ordinance 01/2024 as amended by Ordinance 03/2024.

- (c) "PCR test";
- (d) "rapid antigen test";
- (e) "self-test";
- (2) Omit sections 2(4) and (5) of the Ordinance.

Amendment to section 4 (relevant health and safety guidelines)

4.in section 4 of the Ordinance, after "guidelines", insert "in relation to any matter provided for in this Ordinance".

Amendments to section 6 (residential, medical and other facilities)

- **5.**—(1) Section 6 of the Ordinance is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit subsections (1) to (3).
- (3) For subsection 4, substitute—
 - "(4) An employee of any facility listed below and any other person aged 12 years or over must wear a facemask whilst present in the indoor areas of any such facility—
 - (a) an old people's home,
 - (b) a facility where care and accommodation are provided to the elderly or to other vulnerable groups,
 or
 - (c) outpatient facilities including general practitioner clinics.".
- (4) Omit subsection (6).
- (5) In subsection (7), omit the definition of "responsible person".

Omission of section 7 (detained persons)

6. Section 7 of the Ordinance is omitted.

Omission of section 8 (asylum-seekers)

7. Section 8 of the Ordinance is omitted.

Amendments to section 10

8.—(1) For section 10(1) substitute—

"A person ("P") commits an offence if P fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement imposed by or under this Ordinance."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Ordinance)

- **1.** This explanatory note relates to the Protection of Public Health (COVID-19) (Amendment No.2) Ordinance 2024 ("the Ordinance"). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance. It does not form part of the Ordinance.
- **2.** This note should be read in conjunction with the Ordinance. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Ordinance.
- **3.** The main purpose of the Ordinance is to mirror certain provisions in the Quarantine (Measures to Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus COVID-19) Order (No.2) of 2024 of the Republic (PI 110/2024) ("the Order"). It also repeals some provisions in the Ordinance.
- **4.** The main changes made by the Order, which are reflected in the Ordinance, relate to the removal of COVID-19 testing in relation to specific facitilies.

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