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Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong (Amendment) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 8 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 25 March 2020.

2. Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation amended

The Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. C) is amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Section 3 amended (compulsory quarantine of certain persons arriving at Hong Kong)

(1) Section 3(1)(a), after "Mainland"—

Add

", Macao or Taiwan".

(2) Section 3(1)(b)—

Repeal

"arrives at Hong Kong from a place outside the Mainland but has stayed in the Mainland"

Substitute

"has stayed in the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan".

(3) Section 3—

Repeal subsection (4)

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Substitute

- "(4) The quarantine requirement under this section does not apply to a person—
 - (a) who arrives at the Hong Kong International Airport from the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan or enters the waters of Hong Kong solely for the purpose of leaving Hong Kong and, while in Hong Kong, does not pass through immigration control;
 - (b) who falls within the description of subsection (1)(b) and, while in Hong Kong, does not pass through immigration control;
 - (c) who is designated under section 4(1); or
 - (d) who falls within a category of persons designated under section 4(1).".
- (4) Section 3(5)—

Repeal

everything after "purposes of"

Substitute

"subsection (1)—

- (a) a person who arrives at the Hong Kong International Airport on an aircraft that landed in Hong Kong after taking off in the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan is not regarded as arriving from that place if no person entered the cabin of the aircraft when the aircraft was in that place; and
- (b) a person on a ship that has stayed in or sailed through the waters of the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan is not regarded as having stayed in that

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place if no person boarded the ship when the ship was in those waters.".

- (5) Section 3— Repeal subsection (6).
- 4. Section 4 amended (Chief Secretary may exempt certain persons)
 Section 4(1)—

Repeal

"3(4)(b) or (c)"

Substitute

"3(4)(c) or (d)".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. C) (*principal Regulation*).

- 2. Section 1 provides for commencement.
- 3. Section 3 amends section 3 of the principal Regulation to—
 - (a) subject any person arriving at Hong Kong to quarantine if—
 - (i) the person arrives from Macao or Taiwan; or
 - (ii) the person has stayed in Macao or Taiwan during the 14 days before the date of arrival;
 - (b) extend the application of section 3(5) of the principal Regulation to any aircraft that lands in Hong Kong after taking off in Macao or Taiwan; and
 - (c) provide that persons on a ship that has stayed in or sailed through the waters of the Mainland, Macao or Taiwan are not regarded as having stayed in that place if a condition is met.
- 4. Section 4 makes a consequential amendment to section 4 of the principal Regulation.