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Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) (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 29 April 2020.

2. Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation amended

The Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. G) is amended as set out in sections 3 and 4.

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

Section 2—

Repeal the definition of *specified disease*

Substitute

“*specified disease* (指明疾病) means the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), which is specified in item 8A of Schedule 1 to the Ordinance;”.

4. Schedule 2 amended (fixed penalty)

(1) Schedule 2, section 1—

Add in alphabetical order

“*Authority* (當局) means—

(a) the Director;

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- (b) the Commissioner of Police;
- (c) the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation;
- (d) the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene;
- (e) the Director of Home Affairs;
- (f) the Director of Housing; or
- (g) the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services;”.

(2) Schedule 2—

- (a) section 4, heading;
- (b) section 13, heading—

Repeal

“**Director**”

Substitute

“**Authority**”.

(3) Schedule 2—

- (a) section 4(2), (5) and (6)(a);
- (b) section 6(1) and (2)(a);
- (c) section 7(1)(b);
- (d) section 8(1), (2)(b) and (3)(a);
- (e) section 10(3);
- (f) section 12(1)(a);
- (g) section 13—

Repeal

“Director” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“Authority”.

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(4) Schedule 2, Chinese text—

(a) section 4(3);

(b) section 5(1)—

Repeal

“署長”

Substitute

“當局”.

(5) Schedule 2, section 6(2)(b)—

Repeal

“Director must”

Substitute

“Authority must”.

(6) Schedule 2, Chinese text, section 6(2) and (3)—

Repeal

“如署長”

Substitute

“如當局”.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. G) (*principal Regulation*) to—

- (a) amend the definition of *specified disease* in section 2 of the principal Regulation; and
 - (b) change the references to the “Director” (which means the Director of Health) in Schedule 2 to the principal Regulation to the “Authority”.
- 2. The amendment mentioned in paragraph 1(a)—
 - (a) is consequential to the amendments made by the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Amendment of Schedules 1 and 2) Notice 2020 to the list of scheduled infectious diseases in Schedule 1 to the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599); and
 - (b) is made to reflect that the name of the disease “severe respiratory disease associated with a novel infectious agent” has been changed to “coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)”.
- 3. The change mentioned in paragraph 1(b) seeks to enable the following public officers, in addition to the Director of Health, to perform a function under Schedule 2 to the principal Regulation—
 - (a) the Commissioner of Police;
 - (b) the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation;
 - (c) the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene;

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- (d) the Director of Home Affairs;
- (e) the Director of Housing; and
- (f) the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services.