

Subcommittee on Subsidiary Legislation Relating to the Prevention and Control of Disease

**Summary Table of Regulation/Amendment Regulations
under the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599)**

	Legal Notice	Regulation/Amendment Regulation	Effective Date	Purpose
<i>Cap. 599C – Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation</i>				
1.	L.N. 244 of 2020	Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599C to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.
<i>Cap. 599D – Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) Regulation</i>				
2.	L.N. 245 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Disclosure of Information) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599D to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.
<i>Cap. 599E – Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places Regulation</i>				
3.	L.N. 246 of 2020	Compulsory Quarantine of Persons Arriving at Hong Kong from Foreign Places (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599E to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.
<i>Cap. 599F – Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirement and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation</i>				
4.	L.N. 222 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulation 2020	20 November 2020	To amend Cap. 599F to – (i) include hotels and guesthouses in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to Cap. 599F; (ii) enhance the enforcement power of authorized officers of Cap. 599F to accord with that under Cap. 599G; and (iii) provide a defence to a charge against the owner or manager of the catering business premises and scheduled premises regulated under Cap. 599F if he has taken all reasonable steps to comply with the directions issued by the Secretary for Food and Health (“SFH”) in respect of the premises.
5.	L.N. 247 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599F to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.

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Cap. 599G – Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation				
6.	L.N. 223 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition o	20 November 2020	To amend Cap. 599G to – (i) extend the scope of Cap. 599G to cover group gatherings at premises in relation to which a direction issued under Cap. 599F is in force, whether the premises are a public place or not; (ii) prohibit group gatherings at premises under (i) above if a requirement or restriction in relation to a group gathering specified in the direction issued under Cap. 599F is not complied with; and (iii) provide a defence to a charge against a person involved in a prohibited group gathering at any Cap. 599F premises if he has taken all reasonable steps to comply with the direction issued by SFH under Cap. 599F in relation to a group gathering at the premises.
7.	L.N. 235 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulation 2020	2 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599G to – (i) reduce the number of persons constituting a prohibited group gathering (that is a group gathering in a public place or at a Cap. 599F premises where a relevant requirement or restriction imposed under Cap. 599F is not complied with), or a gathering that may be dispersed, from more than four persons to more than two persons; (ii) reduce the number of persons allowed at each wedding ceremony where no food or drink is served from 50 to 20; (iii) reduce the number of persons allowed in each partitioned area at an annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting from 50 to 20; (iv) remove the exemption for religious activities held at religious premises; and (v) remove the exemption for group gatherings during local tours.
8.	L.N. 241 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) (Amendment) (No. 15)	11 December 2020	To increase the amount of fixed penalty the payment of which would allow a person who has committed an offence of

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		Regulation 2020		participating in a prohibited group gathering to discharge liability from \$2,000 to \$5,000;
9.	L.N. 248 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) (Amendment) (No. 16) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599G to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.
Cap. 599H – Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) Regulation				
10.	L.N. 249 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Regulation of Cross-boundary Conveyances and Travellers) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599H to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.
Cap. 599I – Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation				
11.	L.N. 242 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulation 2020	11 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599I to – (i) increase the amount of penalty for the offence of failing to wear a mask during a period specified by SFH on a public transport carrier or in an MTR paid area or a specified public place from a fine at level 2 (\$5,000) to that at level 3 (\$10,000); (ii) increase the amount of fixed penalty the payment of which would allow a person who has committed an offence referred to in (i) above to discharge liability from \$2,000 to \$5,000; and (iii) increase the amount of penalty for failing to comply with a requirement made by an authorized person to disembark from the public transport carrier or to leave the MTR paid area/a specified public place when the person fails to comply with the requirement to wear a mask from a fine at level 2 (\$5,000) to that at level 3 (\$10,000).
12.	L.N. 250 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599I to extend its expiry date from midnight of 31 December 2020 to midnight of 31 March 2021.
Cap. 599J – Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation				

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13.	L.N. 221 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) Regulation (Cap. 599J)	15 November 2020	To empower specified medical practitioners to require persons clinically suspected to have contracted COVID-19 to undergo COVID-19 testing, and introduce a mechanism to require a certain category or description of persons to undergo such test, for the purpose of preventing, combating or alleviating the current public health emergency and protecting public health in Hong Kong.
14.	L.N. 243 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) (Amendment) Regulation 2020	11 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599J to – (i) increase the amount of penalty for the offence of failing to comply with a requirement under a compulsory testing direction or a compulsory testing notice from a fine at level 1 (\$2,000) to that at level 3 (\$10,000); and (ii) increase the amount of fixed penalty the payment of which would allow a person who has committed an offence referred to in (i) above to discharge liability from \$2,000 to \$5,000.
15.	L.N. 251 of 2020	Prevention and Control of Disease (Compulsory Testing for Certain Persons) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulation 2020	9 December 2020	To amend Cap. 599J to – (i) allow a compulsory testing direction, compulsory testing notice or compulsory testing order to specify that the person(s) concerned should comply with certain requirements until the relevant test result is ascertained; and (ii) empower SFH to, subject to meeting specified conditions, subject certain premises to restriction by issuing a restriction-testing declaration, such that persons on the premises would generally be required to stay on the premises, or a designated place to which they have been transferred, until the relevant test results are ascertained.

Note: Cap. 599C, Cap. 599E and Cap. 599H concern border control measures, Cap. 599F, Cap. 599G and Cap. 599I concern social distancing measures, Cap. 599D concerns requirements on disclosure of information, and Cap. 599J concerns compulsory testing measures.

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