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Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong (Amendment) (No. 7) 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 30 September 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 to 6.

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

(1) Section 3(4)(ba)(ii)(B)—

Repeal

"and".

(2) Section 3(4)(ba)(iii)—

Repeal

"arrival:"

Substitute

"arrival (last stayed place); and".

(3) After section 3(4)(ba)(iii)—

Add

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"(iv) if a category of persons is specified under section 12A(1) of Cap. 599E or section 12A(1) (as may be appropriate) for the last stayed place—falls within such category of persons;".

4. Section 12 amended (Secretary for Food and Health may specify places in China and conditions)

After section 12(2)—

Add

"(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), the Secretary may specify different conditions for different categories of persons specified under section 12A(1) for a Category 2 specified place in China.".

5. Section 12A added

After section 12—

Add

"12A. Secretary for Food and Health may specify categories of persons

- (1) For the purposes of section 3(4)(ba)(iv), the Secretary for Food and Health (*Secretary*) may, by notice published in the Gazette, specify any category of persons for a Category 2 specified place in China if the Secretary is satisfied that—
 - (a) the persons have a substantial connection with Hong Kong;
 - (b) the persons' travelling is necessary for purposes that are in the interest of Hong Kong's economic development; or

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- (c) the persons' travelling otherwise serves the public interest of Hong Kong.
- (2) A notice published under subsection (1) is not subsidiary legislation.".
- 6. Section 13 amended (expiry)

Section 13—

Section 6

Repeal

"7 October"

Substitute

"31 December".

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Explanatory Note

Section 3(4) of the Compulsory Quarantine of Certain Persons Arriving at Hong Kong Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. C) (*principal Regulation*) provides that the quarantine requirement does not apply to certain persons.

- 2. This Regulation amends the principal Regulation to—
 - (a) provide that if a category of persons is specified by the Secretary for Food and Health (*Secretary*) for the place concerned, section 3(4)(ba) of the principal Regulation only applies to the category of persons;
 - (b) empower the Secretary to specify for such purpose any category of persons who satisfy any prescribed condition; and
 - (c) empower the Secretary to specify different conditions for different categories of persons specified for a place.
- 3. The Regulation also extends the expiry date of the principal Regulation from 7 October 2020 to 31 December 2020.