

27th of May 2020 Health Legislation Subgroup of NPHEE – Briefing

The Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) Regulations 2020 (SI No. 121 of 2020) came into effect on 8 April 2020.

The Regulations have since been amended three times and the current Regulations, the Health Act 1947 (Section 31A – Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (SI No. 174 of 2020), amended SI No. 121 of 2020 to extend the date of operation of those Regulations to 8 June 2020 and to add to the reasons why people may leave their home.

As movement restrictions and constraints on retail/service outlets continue to be eased in line with public health advice, cross-Departmental consideration is now being given to the appropriate approach to a framework for the governing Regulations. Urgent work on the Regulations is continuing with this in mind.