

10th of June 2020 Health Legislation Subgroup of NPHEE – Briefing

The Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions) (Covid-19) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 206 of 2020) came into effect on 8 June 2020. They will remain in place until 29 June 2020.

These Regulations provide for the unwinding of certain restrictions provided for in the Health Act 1947 (Section 31A - Temporary Restrictions)(Covid-19) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 121 of 2020, including the reopening of retail outlets and extending the distance that may be travelled for exercise, social and recreational purposes. The Regulations also provide for continued restrictions for some businesses or services and for offences, including in relation to events. S.I. No. 121 of 2020 is revoked.

Work is currently underway on an amendment to allow for the reopening of shops not yet reopened in shopping centres. The recent Government Memo indicated 15 June 2020 as the date for this measure. We understand the Minister is also minded to remove the restriction on amusement parks and theme parks in these amending regulations.