

16th of June 2020 Health Legislation Subgroup of NPHE – 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.

The regulations were amended with effect from 15 June 2020 to allow all shops in shopping centres to open and to allow some sports facilities to be used for educational and sporting outdoor events. This would facilitate for summer camps. The maximum limit of 15 persons applies. The regulations were also amended yesterday (15th June 2020) to allow the use of restricted premises for meetings of a political party registered in the Register of Political Parties or a meeting of a parliamentary party of such political party.