

COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories — Control Order) Regulations 2020

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**COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT 2020
(ACT 14 OF 2020)**

COVID-19 (TEMPORARY MEASURES)

(FOREIGN EMPLOYEE DORMITORIES
— CONTROL ORDER)
REGULATIONS 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Foreign Employee Dormitories — Control Order) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 14 September 2020.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed date” means the date of commencement of these Regulations;

“boarding premises” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act 2015 (Act 3 of 2015);

“building sector worker” means —

- (a) a building elements supply worker;
- (b) a construction worker;
- (c) a related worker; or
- (d) a renovation worker;

“cleared status”, in relation to an individual and a specified dormitory, means an individual who —

- (a) in the period of 14 consecutive days before the individual first enters the specified dormitory as a resident thereof, has undergone a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test and his or her test result is negative for COVID-19; or
- (b) in the period of 180 consecutive days before the individual first enters the specified dormitory as a resident thereof, recovered from a COVID-19 infection,

and the period before first entry may be a period before the appointed date;

“foreign employee” has the meaning given by section 2(1) of the Foreign Employee Dormitories Act 2015;

“individual of uncleared status”, in relation to a specified dormitory, means an individual who is not an individual of cleared status with respect to that specified dormitory;

“new resident”, in relation to a specified dormitory, means an individual who —

- (a) immediately before the appointed date, does not occupy one or more beds or rooms, or spaces within a room, in the specified dormitory as the individual’s main or only residence in Singapore; and
- (b) first enters, on or after the appointed date, a specified dormitory as a resident of that specified dormitory, disregarding any previous period the individual had occupied one or more beds or rooms, or spaces within a room, in the same specified dormitory that is discontinuous;

“occupancy agreement”, in relation to a specified dormitory, means an agreement (written or unwritten) —

- (a) to which an operator of the specified dormitory (or a person acting on behalf of the operator) is a party; and
- (b) under which an individual is provided one or more beds or rooms, or spaces within a room, in the specified dormitory to occupy as a resident of the dormitory;

“operator”, in relation to a specified dormitory —

- (a) means a person who is managing and maintaining, in the course of a business, the specified dormitory (whether self-owned or under lease or otherwise) to provide board and lodging for residents of the dormitory who may or may not be employees of that person; and
- (b) includes a lessor of a flat or house that is leased wholly as a specified dormitory;

“resident”, in relation to a specified dormitory, means an individual (whether or not a foreign employee) who occupies or enjoys a right to occupy one or more beds or rooms, or spaces within a room, in the specified dormitory as the individual’s main or only residence in Singapore;

“specified dormitory” means any boarding premises that provides accommodation to 7 or more foreign employees and that is not a specified hostel.

(2) Unless expressly provided otherwise in these Regulations, any word or expression in these Regulations that is defined in the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 (G.N. No. S 254/2020) has the meaning given to it by those Regulations.

Supplementary requirements

3.—(1) A permitted enterprise that is an operator of a specified dormitory must take, so far as is reasonably practicable, steps to ensure that the measures specified in these Regulations are complied with, in relation to its provision of board and lodging and other authorised services at the specified dormitory, in addition to the requirements in Division 1 of Part 3A of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations prevail if, and to the extent, there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the requirements in Division 1 of Part 3A of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Control Order) Regulations 2020 insofar as the matter relates to a specified dormitory.

PART 2

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR RESIDENTS

Division 1 — Entering and leaving dormitory

Entering and leaving by residents, etc.

4. Residents leaving the specified dormitory (for work or otherwise) must be controlled in order —

- (a) to ensure that any resident who leaves the specified dormitory on his or her rest day has permission from the Chief of the Assurance, Care and Engagement (ACE) Group (given by way of an electronic notification or otherwise) to do so; and
- (b) to ensure that any resident who leaves the specified dormitory at any other time —
 - (i) is doing so for a special purpose approved by the Chief of the Assurance, Care and Engagement (ACE) Group after giving