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INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACT 1976

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (COVID-19 ACCESS RESTRICTIONS AND CLEARANCE) (AMENDMENT NO. 4) REGULATIONS 2022

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73(1) of the Infectious Diseases Act 1976, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2022 and come into operation on 14 February 2022.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2(1) of the Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 Access Restrictions and Clearance) Regulations 2021 (G.N. No. S 273/2021) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “, (5) or (5A)” in the definition of “cleared status certificate” and substituting the words “or (5)”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Control Order”, the following definition:

““COVID-19 naïve individual” means an individual who is not a recovered individual;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “occupier”, the following definition:

““primary vaccination” means undergoing a vaccination after which the individual vaccinated is eligible to be granted under regulation 6 a certificate stating that he or she

has a cleared status (general) for a definite period of at least 270 days;”; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “treating doctor”, the following definitions:

““Type S recovered individual” means a recovered individual because he or she tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 upon undergoing a test mentioned in paragraph (a)(iii) of the definition of “recovered individual”;

“Type T recovered individual” means a recovered individual because he or she tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 upon undergoing a test mentioned in paragraph (a)(i), (ii) or (iv) of the definition of “recovered individual”;”.

Amendment of regulation 6

3. Regulation 6 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (3), (4), (5) and (5A) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(3) Where the Director is satisfied that —

(a) an individual is a recovered individual; and

(b) the individual is vaccinated against a COVID-19 infection by the administration of any approved vaccine by a recognised vaccination provider,

the Director may grant a certificate stating that the recovered individual has a cleared status (general) for a period as follows, whichever is applicable:

(c) for an indefinite period starting the day stated in the First Schedule corresponding to the approved vaccine used in the vaccination and the nature of the individual’s vaccination;

(d) for a period that starts and ends as stated in the First Schedule corresponding to the approved vaccine used

in the vaccination and the nature of the individual's vaccination.

(4) In addition, where the Director is satisfied that an individual who is a COVID-19 naïve individual is vaccinated against a COVID-19 infection by the administration of any approved vaccine by a recognised vaccination provider, the Director may grant a certificate stating that the individual has a cleared status (general) for a period as follows, whichever is applicable:

(a) unless sub-paragraph (b) applies —

- (i) for an indefinite period starting the day stated in the First Schedule corresponding to the approved vaccine used in the vaccination and the nature of the individual's vaccination; or
- (ii) for a period that starts and ends as stated in the First Schedule corresponding to the approved vaccine used in the vaccination and the nature of the individual's vaccination;

(b) if the COVID-19 naïve individual undergoes a primary vaccination before attaining 18 years of age, for a period that —

- (i) starts as stated in the First Schedule corresponding to the approved vaccine used in the vaccination and the nature of the individual's vaccination; and
- (ii) ends at the expiry of 2 months after the individual attains 18 years of age or the end date stated in the First Schedule corresponding to the approved vaccine used in the individual's primary vaccination, whichever date is later.

(5) Despite paragraph (2), (3) or (4), where an individual is diagnosed as having a COVID-19 infection, after he or she underwent vaccination and is granted a certificate under paragraph (3) or (4), the Director or a recognised medical practitioner may, where satisfied that the individual is a

recovered individual after that infection or any later infection, grant a certificate stating that the individual has a cleared status (general) for a period as follows, whichever is applicable:

- (a) if the recovered individual underwent only a primary vaccination or was granted a certificate under paragraph (4) stating that the individual has a cleared status (general) for a period of 120 days — for an indefinite period starting the date the recovered individual first tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 upon undergoing any of the following that led to the diagnosis of the individual having the last infection:
 - (i) a polymerase chain reaction test;
 - (ii) an antigen rapid test followed by a serology test in Singapore that is not attributable to the administration of any vaccine against a COVID-19 infection;
 - (iii) an antigen rapid test on or after 6 January 2022 that is performed by or under the direction of the individual's treating doctor in the course of providing medical treatment to the individual because the individual has acute respiratory symptoms;
 - (iv) a serology test in Singapore that is not attributable to the administration of any vaccine against a COVID-19 infection and without having tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 on any other occasion, but only if such individual was granted a certificate under paragraph (4);
- (b) if the recovered individual was granted a certificate under paragraph (3) for a period mentioned in paragraph (3)(d) — for a period that starts on a relevant date mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) and ends at the expiry of 180 days (including that date) thereafter.”.

Amendment of regulation 8A

4. Regulation 8A of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “has a cleared status (general)” in paragraph (2), the words “other than for an indefinite period”;
- (b) by deleting the words “, (5) or (5A)” wherever they appear in paragraph (2) and substituting in each case the words “or (5)”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:

“(3) For the purposes of these Regulations, an individual who has a cleared status (general) for an indefinite period because he or she is granted a certificate under regulation 6(3), (4) or (5) does not have a cleared status (general) that is current after the cancellation of the certificate under regulation 6(6).”.

Deletion and substitution of First Schedule

5. The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

“FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulations 2(1) and (4), 6(3) and (4)
and 7B(2)

VACCINATION AND APPROVED VACCINES

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>	<i>Fourth column</i>
<i>Approved vaccine</i>	<i>Vaccination</i>	<i>Start</i>	<i>End</i>
1. Tozinameran (Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine or Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine)	(1) One dose of the approved vaccine opposite, administered to a Type T recovered individual at least 28 days after the recovered individual first tested positive for SARS-CoV-2.	14th day after the dose is administered in accordance with the second column.	Indefinite after the start of the period.