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Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulation 2020

(Made by the Chief Executive in Council under section 8 of the Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance (Cap. 599))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 2 December 2020.

2. Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation amended

The Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. G) is amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

Section 2, definition of *group gathering*—

Repeal

“4”

Substitute

“2”.

4. Section 10 amended (power to disperse prohibited group gathering etc. in public place)

Section 10(2)—

Repeal

“and the total number of participants of the gatherings is more than 4,”.

Section 5

5. Schedule 1 amended (exempted group gatherings)

(1) Schedule 1, item 9A—

Repeal

“50”

Substitute

“20”.

(2) Schedule 1, item 9A—

Repeal

“(except as part of a religious ritual)”.

(3) Schedule 1, item 11—

Repeal

“50” (wherever appearing)

Substitute

“20”.

(4) Schedule 1—

Repeal items 15 and 16.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599 sub. leg. G) (*principal Regulation*) to—

- (a) tighten the number of persons constituting a “group gathering” prohibited under the principal Regulation from more than 4 to more than 2;
- (b) in view of the tightening of the number, amend the provision in the principal Regulation on gatherings that may be dispersed, so that if the distance between any 2 gatherings in a public place is less than 1.5 m, both gatherings may be dispersed;
- (c) tighten the conditions for the exemptions for group gatherings during wedding ceremonies and certain meetings; and
- (d) repeal the exemptions for group gatherings during religious activities and local tours.