

No. 61/2020

Proposition in pursuance of Rule 18 submitted by the Chairman of the Civil Contingencies Authority

The States are asked to decide whether they are of the opinion to approve the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No 3) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

EMERGENCY POWERS (CORONAVIRUS) (GENERAL PROVISION) (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) (No. 3) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2020

In pursuance of section 16 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012, the "Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 3) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020", made by the Civil Contingencies Authority on 19th June, 2020, are intended to be laid before the States on 1st July, 2020. Under that section they will lapse at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the date of laying unless, during that period, a proposition is put before the States to approve them which is not carried, in which case the regulations shall lapse, or the States pass a resolution approving them.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations are emergency regulations made by the Civil Contingencies Authority under Part 3 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012 ("the Law"). They are made on the occurrence of an emergency, within the meaning of the Law, in the Bailiwick, arising from the urgent need to prevent the spread of the virus Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 and the disease caused thereby, COVID-19. They are prefaced with a statement by the Civil Contingencies Authority, as required by section 12(2) of the Law. COVID-19 was made a notifiable disease for the purposes of the Public Health Ordinance, 1936 on 10th February 2020.

These Regulations revoke provisions of the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (General Provision) (Bailiwick of Guernsey) (No. 3) Regulations, 2020, ("the principal Regulations") for the reason that they are no longer needed, and make several minor amendments consequential upon those revocations. Provisions revoked include Part II relating to the control of premises, gatherings etc., and the movement of persons; Parts IV and V relating to the registration of deaths and still-births, and cremations; Part VI relating to parochial meetings and associated matters; and all of Part X (relating to meetings of the Bailiwick's legislatures and their Committees) with the exception of regulation 34.

These Regulations will come into force on the 20th June, 2020 and shall have temporary effect only in accordance with the provisions of section 16 (duration and scrutiny of emergency regulations) of the Law. By an amendment made by these Regulations, regulation 34 of the principal Regulations (which disapplies section 1 of the States Reform (Guernsey) Law, 2015) shall cease to have effect on the registration on the Records of the Island of Guernsey of the Reform (Guernsey) (Amendment) Law, 2020 (which Law, in part, repeals that section).

LAYING OF REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTIONS 12 AND 13 OF THE CIVIL CONTINGENCIES (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) LAW, 2012

Section 16 of the Civil Contingencies (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2012 states:

Duration and scrutiny of emergency regulations.

16. (1) Emergency regulations shall be laid before the States as soon as is reasonably practicable after being made.
- (2) Emergency regulations shall lapse at the end of the period of seven days beginning with the date of laying, unless during that period –
- (a) a proposition is put before the States to approve the regulations which is not carried, in which case the regulations shall lapse immediately, or
- (b) the States pass a Resolution approving them.
- (3) Emergency regulations which have not lapsed under subsection (2) shall lapse –
- (a) at the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the date on which they are made, or
- (b) at such earlier time as may be specified in the regulations.
- (4) If the States pass a Resolution that emergency regulations shall cease to have effect, the regulations shall cease to have effect –
- (a) at such time, after the passing of the Resolution, as may be specified in it, or
- (b) if no time is specified in the Resolution, on the passing of the Resolution.
- (5) If the States pass a Resolution that emergency regulations shall have effect with a specified amendment, the regulations shall have effect as amended, with effect from –
- (a) such time, after the passing of the Resolution, as may be specified in them, or
- (b) if no time is specified in the Resolution, at the beginning of the day after that on which the Resolution was passed.
- (6) Nothing in this section –
- (a) shall prevent the making of new regulations, or

LAYING OF URGENT PROPOSITIONS UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURES FOR THE STATES
OF DELIBERATION AND THEIR COMMITTEES

Further, Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedures for the States of Deliberation and their Committees prescribes as follows:

Urgent propositions

18. A proposition as regards which an immediate decision is necessary or desirable may, with the permission of the Presiding Officer, be submitted to the States on behalf of a Committee or by the Presiding Officer in his or her own right at any Meeting, and may be debated and decided upon, with or without amendment, at that Meeting. Such proposition shall be in writing and shall be headed "Proposition in pursuance of Rule 18 submitted by the [President of the ... Committee / Presiding Officer]", and copies thereof shall be delivered beforehand to the Presiding Officer, Her Majesty's Procureur and the President of the Policy & Resources Committee;

Provided that:

- (a) if the postponement of the debate, or of the taking of a decision, on the proposition be moved and be supported by not less than one third of the Members voting on the motion, the debate, or the taking of a decision, on the proposition, as the case may be, shall be postponed until a date to be fixed by the Presiding Officer; and
- (b) on any such postponement, a motion for the immediate publication or circulation, in such manner as the Presiding Officer shall decide, of all relevant material shall have effect if supported by not less than one third of the Members voting on the motion.