

Statutory Document No. 2020/0204



The Emergency Powers Act 1936

EMERGENCY POWERS (CORONAVIRUS) (SPEED LIMITS) REGULATIONS 2020

Laid before Tynwald: 31 March 2020
Approved by Tynwald: 31 March 2020
Coming into operation: in accordance with regulation 2

The Governor in Council, by Order¹, makes the following Regulations under section 4 of the Emergency Powers Act 1936.

1 Title

These Regulations are the Emergency Powers (Coronavirus) (Speed Limits) Regulations 2020.

2 Commencement

These Regulations come into operation at 0001 on the 28 March 2020².

3 Interpretation

(1) In these Regulations —

“**the Act**” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985;

“**Coronavirus**” means severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV2); and

“**the Coronavirus Proclamation period**” means the period for which the Proclamation of Emergency dated 16 March 2020 is in operation³

“**town district**” and “**village district**” have the same meanings at section 38 of the Act.

¹ Section 4(1) specifies that “Where a proclamation of emergency has been made, and so long as such proclamation is in force, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, by Order, to make regulations ...”.

² By virtue of section 4(2) of the Emergency Powers Act 1936, the Regulations made under this Order must be laid before Tynwald within 7 days of being made and continue in force beyond 7 days of being so laid only if Tynwald passes a resolution to that effect.

³ SD 2020/0162.

4 Speed Limits

- (1) The speed limit in relation to any road outside of any town district or village district shall be 40 miles per hour, unless a lower speed limit has been specified by order under section 23(1)(b) of the Act.

5 Direction

- (1) During the Coronavirus Proclamation period, the Council of Ministers may issue a direction to lower speed limits within a town district or a village district.
- (2) The direction issued under paragraph (1) may also modify the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985.
- (3) The direction period shall end —
 - (a) on the date specified in the direction; or
 - (b) if a date is not specified in the direction, immediately after the end of the Coronavirus Proclamation period,whichever is the earlier.

6 Temporary modification of the Act

During the Coronavirus Proclamation period, the Act is modified, as follows —

- (a) section 22(2) (speed limits - general) is disapplied; and
- (b) section 23(1) (general speed limits) is to be read as if for paragraph (b) there were substituted—
 - “ (b) outside any such district, shall be 40 miles per hour.”

MADE 16:20 27TH MARCH 2020

W GREENHOW
Chief Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made by the Governor in Council under section 4 of the Emergency Powers Act 1936 and following a proclamation of a state of emergency under section 3 of that Act.

These Regulations are made for the purpose of securing the essentials of life to the community of the Island and for the protection of the economy of the Island.

These Regulations make emergency provision in respect of speed limits for the Island's road for the duration of the Coronavirus Proclamation period.

These Regulations modifies sections 22(2) and 23(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1985.