

Statutory Document No. 2020/0204



The Emergency Powers Act 1936

EMERGENCY POWERS (CORONAVIRUS) (SPEED LIMITS) REGULATIONS 2020¹

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.”

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ENDNOTES

Table of Endnote References

¹ The format of this legislation has been changed as provided for under section 75 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Legislation Act 2015. The changes have been approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Clerk of Tynwald as required by section 76 of the Legislation Act 2015.