

Public Health Amendment (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Regulation 2003

under the

Public Health Act 1991

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Public Health Act 1991*.

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Minister for Health

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to amend the *Public Health Act 1991* to provide that Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome is a Category 4 medical condition. A person suffering from such a condition is required to take reasonable precautions against spreading the condition. If the Director-General of the Department of Health suspects on reasonable grounds that a person is suffering from such a condition, the Director-General may order the person to undergo a medical examination. Also, an authorised practitioner who is satisfied on reasonable grounds that a person is suffering from such a condition may make a public health order in respect of the person. The public health order may require the person to refrain from specified conduct, undergo specified treatment, undergo counselling, submit to supervision or be detained at a specified place while undergoing treatment. A person subject to a public health order may appeal to the Administrative Decisions Tribunal against the making of the order.

This Regulation is made under the *Public Health Act 1991*, including sections 80 and 82 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Public Health Amendment (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) Regulation 2003.*

2 Amendment of Public Health Act 1991 No 10

Schedule 1 to the *Public Health Act 1991* is amended by inserting "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome" in alphabetical order in Category 4.