



Public Health Amendment (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) (No 2) 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

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome was listed as a Category 4 medical condition under the *Public Health Act 1991* (*the Act*) on 16 April 2003. The object of this Regulation is to amend the Act to provide that Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome is also a Category 2 and 3 medical condition and a notifiable disease.

If a medical practitioner believes on reasonable grounds that a person is suffering or has died from a Category 2 medical condition, the Director-General of the Department of Health (*the Director-General*) must be notified of particulars concerning the person (section 14 of the Act).

If a serological or other prescribed test confirms that a person is suffering from a Category 3 medical condition, the person who certifies the test result to the medical practitioner who requested it must notify the Director-General of the test result (section 16 of the Act).

Under section 69 of the Act, a person providing professional care or treatment at a hospital has a duty to ensure that the chief executive officer of the hospital is aware that a patient has a notifiable disease or a person who was a patient had a notifiable disease during the person's stay at the hospital. The chief executive officer must also provide the Director-General with certain information as soon as the chief executive officer becomes aware of, or has reasonable grounds for believing, that the patient or person who was a patient has or had the disease.

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This Regulation is made under the *Public Health Act 1991*, including sections 80 (1) and (3) 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) (No 2) Regulation 2003*.

2 Amendment of Public Health Act 1991 No 10

The *Public Health Act 1991* is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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Schedule 1 Amendments

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(Clause 2)

[1] Schedule 1 Scheduled medical conditions

Insert “Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome” in alphabetical order in Categories 2 and 3.

[2] Schedule 3 Notifiable diseases

Insert “Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome” in alphabetical order.

BY AUTHORITY
