

Order made by the Department of Finance and laid before the Assembly under section 96(2) of the Coronavirus Act 2020 for approval of the Assembly before the expiration of 40 days from the date of being made

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2024 No. 29

CIVIL REGISTRATION

The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Registration of Deaths and Still-Births) (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024

Made - - - -

4th March 2024

The Department of Finance in exercise of the powers conferred by section 90(2) of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (a) makes the following Order.

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Registration of Deaths and Still-Births) (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024.

Extension of expiry date

2. The following provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 (which concern the registration of deaths and still-births in Northern Ireland) do not expire at the time when they would otherwise expire and expire instead on 24th March 2024 —

- (a) paragraphs 18 to 22 and 27 to 29 of Schedule 13;
- (b) paragraph 17 of that Schedule so far as it relates to those paragraphs;
- (c) section 18(3) so far as it relates to the provisions mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this article.

Revocation

3. The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Registration of Deaths and Still-Births) (Extension) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023(b) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance on 4th March 2024

(a) 2020 c.7; see also subsections (11) to (13) and (15) of section 90
(b) S.R. 2023 No. 137



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 18(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 13 to, the Coronavirus Act 2020 contain provisions relating to the registration of deaths and still-births in Northern Ireland.

Section 89(1) provides for the Act to expire at the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which it was passed (25th March 2020). This is subject to limited exceptions. Section 90 allows expiring provisions to be extended for not more than 6 months from the date on which they would otherwise expire (whether by virtue of section 89 or previous Orders made under section 90).

The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Registration of Deaths and Still-Births) (Extension) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023 (S.R. 2023 No. 137) extended the expiry date of the following provisions of the Coronavirus Act 2020 to 24th March 2024 – (a) paragraphs 18 to 22 and 27 to 29 of Schedule 13; (b) paragraph 17 of that Schedule so far as it relates to those paragraphs; (c) section 18(3) so far as it relates to the provisions mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of this article, but that Order has not been approved by the Assembly.

The Department, however, wishes to ensure that these provisions are extended to 24th March 2024 so makes this Order. The making of this Order renders the continued operation of S.R. 2023 No. 137 unnecessary and so that Order is revoked by this Order.

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