

Briefing

English Women's Cricket Team exemption from requirements of the Managed Isolation and Quarantine Order

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Purpose of report

1. This report accompanies a proposed exemption notice from certain requirements of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020 (the Order) to permit the English Women's Cricket Team (the Team) to train in designated bubbles while in managed isolation. It provides a summary of the exemption and the rationale for our advice to grant this exemption.

Summary

2. In December 2020 Border Exception Ministers agreed to approve five sporting teams to come to New Zealand via managed isolation between January and March 2021 (MBIE Briefing 2021-1626 refers). This paper seeks your agreement to the necessary exemption for the first of these teams, the English Women's Cricket Team, which is scheduled to arrive in New Zealand on 26 January 2021.
3. The Team is made up of 28 players and support staff who are travelling from London via Dubai (although two members are travelling from Australia to New Zealand via Dubai). All Team members will undertake 14 days of managed isolation in Christchurch before playing a series of cricket matches against the New Zealand Women's Cricket Team at various venues throughout the country.
4. To be in the required condition to play international-grade sport, the Team requires an exemption from standard managed isolation requirements so that team members can train in designated bubbles while in managed isolation.
5. The proposed exemption would allow the Team to train at a managed isolation facility (MIF) and an approved training venue (sports MIF) while in managed isolation under strict parameters, including:
 - a. all Team members will be required to isolate individually upon arrival in New Zealand (with the exception of two players who are in a relationship and will share a room)
 - b. all Team members will have COVID-19 tests on days 0/1, 3, 6 and 12
 - c. provided they return a negative day 6 test and are assessed by a health practitioner as being at low risk of having or transmitting COVID-19, Team members will be permitted to operate in **four training bubbles of up to 7 people**
 - d. on day 10, provided all members of the smaller training bubbles have returned negative day 6 testing and are assessed by a health practitioner as being at low risk of having or transmitting COVID-19, the Team will be permitted to operate in **two larger training bubbles of up to 14 people**.

6. These requirements are more stringent than for other sports teams that have been granted exemptions. This is because the COVID-19 pandemic is growing significantly throughout the world, particularly in the United Kingdom (UK) where a new and much more transmissible strain of the virus is contributing to an exponential growth in case numbers.
7. While there is a moderate risk that Team members will be exposed to COVID-19 prior to arrival, officials consider that the proposed conditions and risk mitigations for the exemption (as outlined in this paper) have been managed to an acceptable standard.
8. Officials are confident that there will be a high level of compliance with the conditions of the exemption for this sporting group. However, both the Minister and the Director-General of Health have the power to revoke the exemption for some or all Team members should any member of the Team breach the exemption conditions.

Recommendations

We recommend you:

- a) **Note** that under the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020 (the Order), you may exempt a class of persons from any requirements under the Order, with conditions, where you are satisfied the prerequisites are met.
- b) **Note** that under the Order, you must take into account the advice of the Director-General of Health when deciding whether to grant an exemption and what, if any, conditions to impose on an exemption.
- c) **Agree** to the exemption to permit the English Women's Cricket Team to train at the managed isolation facility (MIF) and at an approved training venue (sports MIF) while in managed isolation, subject to strict parameters and conditions as set out in this briefing and the attached exemption notice. Yes/No
- d) **Note** that the Team will only be allowed to leave the MIF if they return a negative day 12 test and have been assessed as meeting low-risk indicators at the end of their 14 day isolation period (336 hours).
- f) **Sign** the attached exemption notice that exempts the English Women's Cricket Team from requirements of the Order (as set out in this briefing) by 18 January 2021. Yes/No



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Director-General of Health

Date: 14/01/2021



Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister for COVID-19 Response

Date: 15/1/2021

English Women's Cricket Team exemption from requirements of the Managed Isolation and Quarantine Order

Background

1. All Team members are scheduled to arrive in New Zealand on 26 January 2021. The majority of the Team (26 members) will be travelling from London to Auckland via Dubai before flying to Christchurch on a charter flight. Two players reside in Perth and will be travelling from Perth to Dubai to meet up with the rest of the Team before travelling on to New Zealand on the same flight.
2. The Team will undertake 14 days of managed isolation in Christchurch before playing a series of cricket matches against the New Zealand Women's Cricket Team at various locations across New Zealand.
3. To be able to play international grade cricket, the Team requires an exemption from standard managed isolation requirements so that team members can train in designated bubbles while in managed isolation.
4. For this to happen, an exemption needs to be made under clause 15A of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020 (the Order). Under the Order, you have the authority to make an exemption for any class of persons if you are satisfied that the:
 - a. exemption is necessary or desirable in order to promote the purposes of the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020 (the COVID-19 Act)
 - b. exemption is necessary to facilitate the execution of a government-approved event or a major government-approved programme
 - c. extent of the exemption is not broader than reasonably necessary to address the matters that give rise to the exemption.

What does the exemption permit?

5. Under the proposed exemption, the Team will be subject to the standard requirements that apply to any other person in a managed isolation facility (MIF), with the following limited exceptions:
 - a. provided they return a negative day 6 test and are assessed by a health practitioner as being at low risk of having or transmitting COVID-19, the Team will be able to train in **four training bubbles of up to seven people**¹ at the following locations:
 - i. on-site in an outdoor covered gym area at the MIF

¹ Bubbles can include players, management, coaching, physio and any other Team staff.

- ii. off-site at a specific training facility (the Lincoln University High Performance Centre)
 - b. on day 10, provided all members of the smaller training bubbles return negative day 6 testing and are assessed again by a health practitioner as being at low risk of having or transmitting COVID-19, the Team will be permitted to train in **two larger training bubbles of up to 14 people²**.
6. The MIF has advised that on-site training at the covered gym area can begin from day 7 once Team members have received a negative day 6 test result. However, offsite training will not be able to commence until day 8 to ensure sufficient time for the day 6 test results to be received, the required medical assessments to be undertaken, and operational arrangements to be put in place (i.e. transport to the facility, security etc).

Conditions of the exemption

7. To meet the criteria for the exemption to apply, Team members are required to:
 - a. have a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test (PCR) within 72 hours prior to commencing their travel to New Zealand
 - b. undergo a symptom check within 48 hours prior to commencing travel
 - c. complete an enhanced testing regime at the MIF (on days 0/1, 3, 6 and 12) and a medical examination for COVID-19 within 24 hours of their arrival at the MIF
8. They must also comply with strict conditions once the exemption applies, including complying with physical distancing, mask use and strict transportation requirements between the MIF and the off-site training facility.
9. If at any point during their time in the MIF a Team member tests positive for COVID-19 or develops symptoms, the exemption will be put on hold for all members of the Team until a risk assessment and investigation is complete and further actions, if any, are determined. Team members would not be able to train during this time.
10. As is standard practice, all Team members will be tested on day 12 of isolation and will only be allowed to leave the MIF if they have been assessed as meeting the low-risk indicators after a minimum of 336 hours (14 days) post arrival.

The exemption meets the purposes of the COVID-19 Act

11. The primary purpose of the COVID-19 Act is to support the public health response to COVID-19. Any exemption request should be considered in conjunction with associated conditions to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 to the New Zealand community.
12. Officials have evaluated the risks associated with the exemption proposal taking into account the following considerations:

² While no further test is required for the team to move to a larger bubble size at day 10, the additional two days and a further formal assessment by a health practitioner provide additional assurance that the public health risk is as low as it can be.

- a. whether the group seeking an exemption are at a lower risk of having been exposed to COVID-19
 - b. whether there are appropriate measures in place to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19 to the community
 - c. whether any conditions or mitigation measures are likely to be complied with, and the associated risk if conditions are not complied with.
13. Having undertaken this evaluation, officials advise that while there is a moderate risk that Team members will be exposed to COVID-19 prior to arrival, the proposed conditions and risk mitigations for the exemption (as outlined in this paper) have been managed to an acceptable standard.

Team members are at some risk of exposure to COVID-19 before they arrive in New Zealand

14. Of the 28 Team members, 26 are currently residing in the UK and will be travelling to Auckland from London Heathrow via Dubai. The transit time in Dubai for those members is around an hour.
15. The remaining two Team members reside in Perth but will be travelling to Dubai to meet up with the rest of the Team before travelling on to New Zealand. They will arrive in Dubai approximately two hours prior to the rest of the team, resulting in a total transit time in Dubai of around three hours.
16. The UK currently has a significant outbreak of COVID-19. Experts believe that a new strain of COVID-19 in the UK (sometimes referred to as the 'UK variant' or the 'Kent variant') has rapidly spread and has now become the most common variant in England³.
17. Experts believe the UK variant is between 50 and 74 percent more transmissible than other dominant strains although, so far, it does not appear to be more deadly for those who become infected. However, given that the strain spreads much more easily, more people are being hospitalised in the UK which is reported to be overwhelming the healthcare system. Experts believe that the UK strain poses a significant risk for any country where there is community transmission of the variant.
18. For Team members residing in the UK, the overall risk of exposure to COVID-19 in the two weeks prior to departure and while travelling to New Zealand is considered moderate.
19. While transmission rates have increased with the new variant, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has strict protocols in place for the Team to minimise the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission during the training season. This approach has been successful, and there were no positive cases within the Team during the UK summer cricket season.
20. The pre-departure risk of exposure to COVID-19 for the two Perth-based team members is assessed as low. Perth has no community transmission at present. However, there is

³ According to the WHO, the UK represented more than 50% of new cases diagnosed between October and 13 December 2020 in the UK.

still some risk of COVID-19 transmission during the flight from Perth to Dubai, and from Dubai to Auckland (which we know is a high-risk flight).

The Team is required to comply with strict protocols prior to departure and in transit

21. The protocols that the ECB has advised will be operating prior the Team's departure for New Zealand and during transit are set out below.

- a. **Testing and medical examinations:** All UK-based Team members will have at least weekly COVID-19 rapid access antigen testing. PCR tests will also be undertaken seven and three days prior to departure, and daily symptom checks will commence 14 days prior to departure.

The two Perth-based members will be required to return a negative PCR test within 72 hours of departure, be assessed as medically fit to travel within 48 hours of departure, with confirmation on day of departure. If a team member displays symptoms, they will not travel to New Zealand. These requirements are proportionate to the current risk for Perth.

- b. **Education:** All Team members have been educated on physical distancing, the use of face masks, proper hand hygiene, signs and symptoms of a viral illness, precautions to be taken with air travel.

The Team had three formal COVID-19 briefings prior to each block of training and match play in 2020, and a further ECB-led briefing will be conducted prior to departure. New Zealand Cricket (NZC) will also deliver a formal briefing to outline, in detail, the protocols and requirements for safe transit to New Zealand. This briefing will be via remote group meetings and individual meetings with players.

- c. **Accommodation arrangements and training restrictions:**

- i. the Team is **currently operating** in accordance with restrictive UK government guidelines. Whilst this is changeable, household mixing is very limited (depending on location in the UK) and there are numerous risk mitigation strategies throughout day-to-day life, including strict social distancing and hygiene measures.
- ii. **10 days prior to departure** Team members will strictly isolate within their low-risk household bubble. If the household is deemed high risk, they will isolate alternative accommodation that has been assessed as low risk (e.g. a hotel).
- iii. **7 days prior to departure** Team members will have a PCR test. If this is negative the team will continue to train as a 'bubble' strictly adhering to training guidance. The training in the last week would not exceed two days in total and will be in groups of no more than four people.
- iv. **3 days prior to departure** all touring party members would have a second COVID-19 PCR test. From this point onwards, all training will cease, and they will remain in their low-risk household bubble.

- d. **Action if someone tests positive, displays symptoms or is identified as a close contact:** Any team member who has symptoms or has been informed they are a close contact will be followed up by the Team Doctor. They will be tested and

isolate for 10 days and will need to be symptom-free for 72 hours before boarding the flight to New Zealand.

- e. **Travel to New Zealand:** The UK-based Team members are travelling on a commercial flight with Emirates from London to Auckland, and all members of the team are transiting through Dubai. We know that the Dubai-Auckland flight is high-risk, with recent flights carrying passengers infected with new UK variant. However, risks associated with possible infection during transit will be mitigated in the following ways:
- i. Team members will be required to comply with ECB Travel Safe Guidelines for air and land travel to decrease the risk of the Team's exposure to COVID-19. These guidelines cover pre-flight, in-flight, in-transit and on landing situations and include precautions such as the mandatory use of face masks, the use of issued hand sanitisers, physical distancing protocols and protocols for airport security (seat/general areas, disembarking, customs/immigration, food and drink and toilets).
 - ii. There is a short transit time between flights so players will need to move promptly between terminals and will not be able to linger in the departure lounge. Emirates has stringent safety regulations for passengers that include a requirement for presentation of a negative COVID-19 test certificate before boarding. Face masks are required in terminals and on flights. Temperature scanners are deployed at international gates and thermal guns are used to detect passenger temperature before boarding flights. Flight staff wear full PPE during flights and aircraft will undergo a strict cleaning and disinfection process between flights.
 - iii. The ECB is working with Emirates Airlines (who facilitated risk mitigation requests for the Pakistan Men's Cricket team's travel) to ensure that Team members have a single cluster of seats blocked out for ECB, their own flight attendant and toilet, and regular cleaning protocols.
 - iv. All members of the Team will travel on a charter flight from Auckland to Christchurch. Where appropriate, biosecurity protocols will be in place, including the use of face masks and social distancing.

Stringent measures will be in place when the Team arrives in New Zealand

22. Once the Team arrives in New Zealand, the following measures will be in place to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to the community.
- a. As with all other arrivals into New Zealand, the Team will undertake 14 days of managed isolation and adhere to strict infection prevention and control measures.
 - b. As with all international sports codes considering travel to New Zealand, Team members have been informed about our managed isolation requirements and rules.
 - c. The Team will be isolating at the Chateau on the Park Hotel in Christchurch. As previously advised [HR 20201688 refers], this operates as both a managed isolation and quarantine facility with the ability to section off separate wings. Canterbury Region Isolation and Quarantine (C-RIQ) have advised that during this period the Team will be accommodated on different floors to other returnees and, where logistically possible, different wings to reduce the risk of interacting with returnees.

- d. In addition to the standard managed isolation and quarantine facility requirements, strict infection prevention and control protocols are required to be followed for both the on-site training at the MIF and the off-site training at the sports MIF, including transport and equipment use, and to manage the smaller bubbles⁴.
 - e. The C-RIQ have recently hosted the Australian National Rugby Team, the England National Netball team and the West Indies and Pakistan Men's Cricket Teams so have experience in hosting sports teams. They also have experience in the logistics around managing multiple 'cricket' bubbles and training at the Lincoln University High Performance Centre.
 - f. The addition of an enhanced testing regime – testing before departure to New Zealand, then on days 0/1, 3, 6 and 12 of managed isolation – should mitigate any risk of undetected cases of COVID-19 amongst Team members.
 - g. If any members of the Team display symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival at Auckland Airport, they will undergo the relevant managed isolation and quarantine process in Auckland and will not be permitted to travel to Christchurch with the rest of the Team on the charter flight.
 - h. An enhanced COVID-19 testing regime is in place so that Team members can be assessed as being at a low risk of having or transmitting COVID-19 prior to being permitted to train or leave managed isolation.
 - i. While the UK variant presents increased transmission risks, there have been cases with the new variant in New Zealand's MIF facilities that have been managed successfully without resulting transmission to staff or the community.
23. It is possible that some team members may have been previously exposed to COVID-19 (that is, there may be some historic cases). Therefore, it is proposed that all Team members have a serology test undertaken as soon as logistically possible upon their arrival in Christchurch. The serology test result will provide further information for the Medical Officer of Health when undertaking a risk assessment and investigation of a 'weak positive' test at any point. Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) will recover the cost of the serology test directly from NZC.

There is likely to be a high level of compliance with exemption conditions

24. There have been several recent examples of non-compliance with Order and exemption conditions by sporting teams that have been granted exemptions, for example breaches by the West Indian and Pakistan Men's Cricket teams. Significant lessons have been learned from these earlier tours, and agencies have worked with NZC to improve processes to enhance compliance and lift team's understanding of New Zealand's requirements.
25. Both the Minister for COVID-19 Response and the Director-General of Health have the power to revoke the exemption for some or all Team members should any member of the Team breach the exemption conditions.

⁴ Encompassed under the Criteria for assessing a proposed sport managed isolation and quarantine facility [HR 20201383 refers] alongside the accompanying Standard Operating Procedures.

26. Prior to the Team's arrival, the ECB is required to sign a Confirmation as a part of the Crown Services Agreement between NZC and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. Amongst other things, this confirms that the ECB understands the exemption and its requirements and has communicated the requirements to the Team.
27. The ECB and NZC have advised that any breaches of protocol will be taken 'extremely seriously' and will lead to a written warning (for a minor breach). For more serious breaches, the team member will not be able to participate in the Tour.
28. In addition, section 26(2)(a) and (b) of the COVID-19 Act provide for offences against the Order of imprisonment for a term of up to six months, or a fine of up to \$4,000.
29. The measures in place for pre-departure and during transit are reliant on the Team members undertaking these obligations, and it is not possible or practical for the New Zealand Government to enforce these requirements.

Other purposes under the COVID-19 Act

30. The exemption will benefit communities economically as the cricket matches will result in increased spending and are scheduled to be played in a number of regions around New Zealand. The matches will also be of social benefit to New Zealanders, as they are an important social event, boosting national morale and lifting the profile of women's cricket in advance of New Zealand hosting the Women's Cricket World Cup in early 2022.
31. The ECB also advises that the tour will be of benefit to women's cricket internationally, as it is the first time that women's cricket has been played across continents.
32. CDHB have indicated that they are able to manage the health support needed for the proposal. The final agreement, including funding arrangements, is subject to CDHB Chief Executive and the Director-General of Health approval.
33. Officials therefore advise that the exemption, together with the conditions, is not inconsistent with the purpose of the COVID-19 Act, in accordance with clause 15A(1)(a) of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020.

Major government-approved event or programme

34. The team is travelling to New Zealand to participate in the 'Summer of Cricket' series, which is on the list of Government-approved events at H5.30.15 of the Immigration Instructions.

Other factors to be considered

35. The exemption discretion must be exercised consistently with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (BORA):
 - a. you have previously been advised that officials consider the requirements of managed isolation to be reasonable limitations on the rights of individuals, given the public health risk to the New Zealand community of transmission of COVID-19
 - b. team members will be subject to less restrictive isolation requirements than most other returnees and therefore, we consider that any limitations on their rights are reasonable. In addition, the additional test on day 6 of isolation is considered justified due to the less restrictive isolation requirements,

- c. the exemption also has the potential to impact freedom of movement (section 18 of the BORA) by displacing returning New Zealanders if there is insufficient capacity at MIQFs to accommodate the team and any New Zealanders wishing to return home.
36. There is currently significant pressure on MIFs from New Zealanders who want to return home at this time and allocating MIF space to the Team could raise BORA considerations. However, Cabinet has recently agreed to a number of improvements to the allocation of space within MIQ facilities which seeks to balance the legal right of New Zealanders to return home and the need for critical workers and other non-New Zealanders to enter the country [CBC-20-MIN-0137 refers].
37. The decision to agree to host the Team was made by Border Exemption Ministers within the context of the Government's social and economic objectives, including the Labour Party manifesto commitment to use 10 percent of managed isolation rooms for critical workers.
38. Officials consider that the space in MIFs that has been allocated to the Team does not create an unjustified limitation on the right of New Zealand citizens to enter New Zealand, as it does not cause an unreasonable shortfall of MIF spaces. The wait time for a place in MIQF is not significantly delayed by the spaces allocated to the Team.
39. The proposed exemption has been refined from learnings from previous exemptions you granted, as follows:
- a. on 23 September, for the Australian National Rugby Team [HR20201721 refers]
 - b. on 5 October, for the England Roses Netball Team [HR20201770 refers]
 - c. on 20 October, for other members of the West Indies Men's Cricket Team [HR20201855 refers]
 - d. on 6 November for members of the New Zealand Men's Cricket Team and the West Indies Men's Cricket Team who had been competing in the IPL in Dubai [HR 20201880 refers]
 - e. on 20 November for members of the Pakistan Men's Cricket Team [HR20202000 refers].
40. Ministry of Health officials have consulted with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, Sport New Zealand and CDHB on the proposal to grant this exemption.

Next steps

41. We recommend that you grant the attached exemption to allow the English Women's Cricket Team to train in small training bubbles of up to seven people following day 6 testing and medical assessment, transferring to larger bubbles of up to 14 people from day 10 following medical assessment.

ENDS.

Gazette notice

COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020

Exemption of England Women's Cricket Team from Requirements of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020

1. Pursuant to clause 15A of the COVID-19 Public Health Response (Isolation and Quarantine) Order 2020 ("Order"), I, Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for COVID-19 Response, having taken into account the advice of the Director-General of Health, hereby declare that the persons who satisfy each of the following criteria are exempt from clauses 8(2) and 8(3) of the Order:
 - a. persons who travel to New Zealand on or about 26 January 2021 to participate in the 'Summer of Cricket' series (as listed as a Government-approved event at H5.30.15 of the Immigration Instructions) as part of the England Women's Cricket team, which includes (but is not limited to) players, coaches, team management and other support staff;
 - b. who have undergone a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test (PCR) within 72 hours prior to commencing their travel to New Zealand;
 - c. who have undergone a symptom check within 48 hours prior to commencing their travel to New Zealand;
 - d. who have undergone medical testing and examination for COVID-19 within 24 hours of their arrival at their allocated MIQF in which they are residing; and
 - e. who have undergone medical testing and examination for COVID-19 on or around the third day and sixth day after arrival in New Zealand and satisfy a medical officer of health that they are unlikely to transmit COVID-19 on both occasions;(collectively "Members of the England Women's Cricket Team").
2. The exemption will begin at 11.59pm on 18 January 2021.
3. This exemption expires after every person subject to this exemption completes their period of isolation or quarantine, or at 11.59pm on 22 February 2021 (whichever occurs earliest).
4. For the purposes of this exemption, a "Bubble" is a group of the Members of the England Women's Cricket Team who may intermingle and train with each other, and "Bubble" includes any secondary bubble that is formed.
5. For the purposes of this exemption and subject to (f) below, Members of the England Women's Cricket Team must be allocated to one of four bubbles ("Bubble 1" and

“Bubble 2” and “Bubble 3” and “Bubble 4”). Each of Bubble 1, Bubble 2, Bubble 3 and Bubble 4 are to be made up of no more than 7 people. Persons in each Bubble can only intermingle and train with other persons in the same allocated Bubble.

6. The exemption from clauses 8(2) and 8(3) of the Order is subject to the following conditions:
- a. all Members of the England Women’s Cricket Team seeking to rely on this exemption must undergo medical examination and testing to assess whether they have COVID-19, on the twelfth day after arrival in New Zealand;
 - b. while a medical officer of health undertakes any investigations relating to, or for the purpose of, this exemption, the Members of the England Women’s Cricket Team must act consistently with the requirements of clause 8(2) and 8(3) of the Order until advised otherwise by that medical officer of health;
 - c. each member of the England Women’s Cricket Team must satisfy a medical officer of health, after medical examination and testing, that they are unlikely to transmit COVID-19;
 - d. all Members of the England Women’s Cricket Team must only travel between the training facility that has been designated a low-risk managed isolation and quarantine facility (“MIQF”) for the purposes of the Members of the England Women’s Cricket Team to undertake training (“training facility”) and their allocated MIQF in which they are residing. This travel must be as direct as reasonably practicable;
 - e. the travel between the training facility and the MIQF in which they are residing must be undertaken in vehicles that have been designated by the Crown for this purpose;
 - f. if a medical officer of health is satisfied that a Member of the England Women’s Cricket Team is unlikely to transmit COVID-19 following medical examination and testing on or about the sixth day after arrival in New Zealand, that member will be allocated to one of two new bubbles (“Secondary Bubble 1” and “Secondary Bubble 2”). Each of Secondary Bubble 1 and Secondary Bubble 2 are to be made up of no more than 14 people. Persons in Secondary Bubble 1 can only intermingle and train with other persons in Secondary Bubble 1. Persons in Secondary Bubble 2 can only intermingle and train with other persons in Secondary Bubble 2;
 - g. members of a Bubble must maintain physical distancing with members of any other Bubble;
 - h. all Members of the England Women’s Cricket Team must not have any in-person contact with any other person who is not in their Bubble, except to the extent required to undertake the travel to and from the training facility and the MIQF in which they are residing and except as contemplated by the Order (for example, contact may be required with the driver of the designated vehicle and any site manager);
 - i. all Members of the England Women’s Cricket Team must wear face coverings while traveling in the designated vehicles to and from the training facility and their allocated MIQF in which they are residing;

- j. all Members of the England Women's Cricket Team must maintain physical distancing (to the greatest extent practicable) from all other residents (i.e. those persons not subject to this exemption) at the MIQF at which they are residing and any other location and in accordance with this exemption;
- k. all Members of the England Women's Cricket Team may only access the areas of the MIQF in which they reside and spaces designated for official team business and the training facility, both as advised by the relevant site manager;
7. If any person is required to stay in a high-risk MIQF or otherwise fails to satisfy a medical officer of health that they are unlikely to transmit COVID-19, the exemption from clauses 8(2) and 8(3) of the Order may cease to apply to that person (upon notice given by the Director-General of Health to England Cricket).
8. If any person, or groups of persons, subject to this exemption does not meet or comply with a condition of this exemption, or breaches a condition of this exemption, the exemption from clauses 8(2) and 8(3) of the Order will cease to apply upon the giving of notice by the Director-General of Health to England Cricket in respect to either all persons subject to this exemption or any person (or groups of persons) as named in the notice. The exemption may either cease to apply in its entirety, for a fixed time period as set out in the notice or until remedial conditions set out in the notice are met.
9. If any person subject to this exemption breaches the Order, or is arrested, charged or is suspected of committing an offence punishable by imprisonment, the exemption from clauses 8(2) and 8(3) of the Order will cease to apply upon the giving of notice by the Director-General of Health to England Cricket in respect of the persons named in that notice. The exemption may either cease to apply in its entirety, for a fixed time period as set out in the notice or until remedial conditions set out in the notice are met.
10. Subject to the terms of this exemption, all other provisions of the Order continue to apply until the exemption expires.

Dated at Wellington this 15th day of January 2021.



Hon CHRIS HIPKINS, Minister for COVID-19 Response.