Order made by the Department of Justice 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 day on which it is made.

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JUSTICE

LIVELINKS

The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024

Made - - - - 20th September 2024

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

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals) (No.2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024.

Extension of expiry date

2. Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 27 to the Coronavirus Act 2020, and section 57 of that Act so far as it relates to those Parts, do not expire at the time when they would otherwise expire and expire instead on 24th March 2025.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 20th September 2024

L.S.

Naomi R Long
Minister of Justice

(**a**) 2010 c. 3 (N.I.), s. 1(1).
(**b**) 2020 c. 7.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends the operation of the provisions in the Coronavirus Act 2020 (c. 7) which allow the wider and extended use of video or audio live links by all or any courts or a statutory tribunal (Part 1 of Schedule 27). It extends the provisions, which facilitate public participation in legal proceedings if, and when live links are used while protecting those proceedings from unauthorised recordings or transmission (Part 2 of Schedule 27).

The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Extension of Provisions Relating to Live Links for Courts and Tribunals) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024 (SR 2024 No 72) extended the operation of these provisions until 24th September 2024.

Article 2 extends the operation of the provisions until 24th March 2025.

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