

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**2015 No. 397**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of the Environment to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Articles 55(1), (2) and (4) and 110(2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

#### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The Regulations amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (NI) 2000 by including a yellow light from a taxi roof sign in the list of exceptions at regulation 13(2).

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The amendment will allow a yellow light to be shown to the rear of the vehicle from a taxi roof sign.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The Department consulted on proposals for the introduction of taxi licensing regulations (to which these Regulations are consequential) and powers of seizure Regulations between 4 July 2011 and 30 September 2011. During this period the Department met with stakeholders and received written responses from those consulted. Responses representing the views of over 3000 people were received.

#### **5. Equality Impact**

- 5.1. An equality screening exercise was carried out on these proposals and no equality issues were identified.

#### **6. Regulatory Impact**

- 6.1. It was not considered necessary to carry out a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) on these Regulations as they are consequential to the Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 for which an RIA was completed.

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. No financial issues specific to these Regulations have been identified.

#### **8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998**

- 8.1. The proposals have been scrutinised and are considered compliant with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

## **9. EU Implications**

- 9.1. The Regulations were notified to the European Commission as technical Regulations under Directive 98/34/EC. The Commission has not commented on the Regulations.

## **10. Parity or Replicatory Measure**

- 10.1. Not applicable.

## **11. Additional Information**

- 11.1. Not applicable.