

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Taxi Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

SR No. 2016 No. 140

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the 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 sections 20 and 56(1) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Regulations is to make minor amendments to the Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ("the Taxi Licensing Regulations").

3. Background

- 3.1. The Taxi Licensing Regulations which come into operation on 31st May 2016 provide for a new taxi licensing regime, replacing the existing public service vehicle system for taxis.
- 3.2. These Regulations make minor amendments to regulations 4(1), 22(1) and 25(2) of those Regulations.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. In view of the minor nature of the amendments, the Department decided that it was unnecessary to consult on them given that a consultation exercise had been carried out in relation to the Taxi Licensing Regulations.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. Consideration was given to compliance with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1988 and there are no positive or negative implications for promotion of equality of opportunity.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. The Department deemed it unnecessary to undertake a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) given the minor nature of the amendments being made and the fact that a RIA was completed in relation to the introduction of the Taxi Licensing Regulations.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications for the industry, consumers or the Department arising from this Statutory Rule.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

- 8.1. The Department has considered the matter of Convention rights and Community law and is satisfied that there are no relevant concerns.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. There is no equivalent GB legislation.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable