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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

They provide an exemption from the use of a taximeter to calculate a fare where the passenger is advised by the taxi operator that the distance to be travelled by the taxi without the passenger in fulfilling the booking will exceed the distance of the passenger's journey. In these circumstances, the passenger may agree to waive their right to have the fare calculated by taximeter and otherwise agree the fare for the journey in advance of its commencement. The Regulations also specify the information to be recorded by the taxi operator in connection with such a journey.

In addition, the Regulations add a new maximum fare rate for the Christmas and New Year period, amend the calculation of fares to increase the charge for waiting time and contain minor and consequential amendments.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available from Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation Division, Department of the Environment, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 8GB or online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>.