STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 2017 No. 225

# **ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made--24th November 2017Coming into operation29th December 2017

The Department for Infrastructure(1) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16(1) and 18(5) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008(2) and now vested in it(3).

In accordance with section 16(3) of that Act the Department has taken into consideration recommendations made by the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

### Citation and commencement

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

#### Amendment of the Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations

**2.**—(1) The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(4) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 10(2A)(5) (use of taximeter)-

- (a) sub-paragraph (b), in the second place where it occurs, is renumbered (c); and
- (b) sub-paragraphs (c) to (g) are renumbered (d) to (h).
- (3) In Part 1 of the Schedule(6) (maximum fares) in column (3)—

<sup>(1)</sup> Formerly the Department for Regional Development: see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment was dissolved

<sup>(2) 2008</sup> c.4 (N.I.)

<sup>(3)</sup> See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76)

<sup>(4)</sup> S.R. 2015 No.394

<sup>(5)</sup> Paragraph (2A) was inserted by regulation 2(3) of S.R. 2016 No. 148

<sup>(6)</sup> The Schedule was substituted by regulation 2(5) of, and the Schedule to, S.R. 2016 No.148

- (a) for "4 minutes and 46 seconds", in each place where it occurs, substitute "3 minutes and 32 seconds"; and
- (b) for "1 minute and 35 seconds" substitute "3 minutes and 9 seconds".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 24th November 2017



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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 ("the Taximeters Regulations") to correct an error made in the waiting time element of the tariff, the element that determines the charge when the taxi is stopped or moving at slow speeds.

This amendment accurately reflects how the fares are currently calculated and in practice does not result in any increase in the fares being charged.

The Regulations also make a minor amendment to the sub-paragraph numbers in regulation 10(2A) of the Taximeters Regulations.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available online alongside this Statutory Rule at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr