
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend the Magistrates' Courts (Licensing) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1997 ([S.R. 1997 No. 62](#)) in consequence of amendments made to the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 ([1996 No. 3158](#)) ([N.I. 22](#)) by the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c.7) to—

- make provision for the procedure for an application for an order for further additional permitted hours;
- make provision requiring that a copy of the pages of the newspapers bearing a notice of intention to apply for an order for additional permitted hours be lodged with the clerk of petty sessions; and
- make amendments consequential to the repeal of restrictions on Easter licensing hours and the alignment of closing time for liquor and entertainment.