

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Licensing (Notice Relating to Local Producer's Licence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

#### **SR No. 85**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Communities to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Articles 52B(6), 52C(6) and 52D(10) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (the 1996 Order) and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

#### **2. Purpose**

- 2.1. The Statutory Rule prescribes the notice that producers of intoxicating liquor must display when selling intoxicating liquor which has been produced in their premises, in those premises and in other licensed and unlicensed premises, and the information the notice must contain.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. Under the 1996 Order certain kinds of premises may be granted a licence to sell intoxicating liquor to the public. The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 amends the 1996 Order to add the premises in which intoxicating liquor is produced to the kinds of premises which may be granted a liquor licence.
- 3.2. A licence granted to a producer of intoxicating liquor also authorises them to sell their intoxicating liquor at events being held to promote food, drink or craftwork produced in Northern Ireland, in certain other licensed or unlicensed premises.
- 3.3. The sale of alcoholic drinks in all circumstances is for consumption off the premises only. Licence holders are permitted to provide a sample for consumption on the premises. Where a sample is provided at the production premises, its provision must be as part of a tour of the premises.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The Department did not consider it necessary to consult on the Statutory Rule.

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

- 5.1. In accordance with its duty under section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998, the Department has conducted a screening exercise on the legislative proposals for these Regulations. The Department has concluded that they would not have significant implications for equality of opportunity and considers that an Equality Impact Assessment is not necessary.

## **6. Regulatory Impact**

- 6.1. No Regulatory Impact Assessment is required as the proposals will have no or negligible costs or savings for any business, charity or voluntary group.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. None for the Department.

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

- 8.1. The Department considers that the Statutory Rule is compatible with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

## **9. EU Implications**

- 9.1. Not applicable.

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

- 10.1. The Statutory Rule does not replicate any corresponding legislation in Great Britain where local authorities are responsible for liquor licensing.

## **11. Additional Information**

- 11.1. Not applicable.