
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules establish the procedure for licencing gangmasters covered by the provisions of the Gangmasters (Licensing) Act 2004 (the 2004 Act), and the conditions that will apply to the licences.

Rule 2 defines the “principal authority”. This will be the person with the ultimate responsibility for completing the application and providing information to the Gangmasters Licensing Authority.

Rule 3 specifies the information to be provided by an applicant.

Rule 4 and the Schedule specifies the licence conditions that apply to licence holders.

One of the requirements of obtaining or keeping a licence is that the licence holder is fit and proper. Rule 5 provides that a business is fit and proper if it complies with the criteria set out in these Rules and with the obligations contained in regulations 12 (2) of the Gangmasters (Licensing Authority) Regulations 2005 which establish a general principle governing the determination of criteria assessing the fitness of applicants for licences and others and the terms of licence conditions.

Rule 6 specifies when a new application will be required.

Rule 7 prescribes the licence fee, the renewal fee and Rule 8 the charge for inspection at the point of application.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business has been prepared and has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies may be obtained from the Gangmasters Licensing Authority, PO Box 8538, Nottingham, NG8 9AF.