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The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Office of Science and Innovation

3. Originating Department

Department of Health: Tobacco Programme

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007.



6. Products Concerned

The draft regulations detail the requirements for no-smoking signs, specifying their contents and size.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft Regulations apply to England only and provide for requirements as regards the specification of no smoking signs in smoke-free premises. These are intended to be proportionate and not to present unnecessary burdens on business. Premises are required to display a no smoking sign with a minimum area of any shape that is equal to the size A5 (31080mm²), showing the international no smoking symbol at least 70mm in diameter. Signs will be required at the public entrance of premises and will carry the following statement: "No smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises". It is permissible that for "these premises" there may be substituted words which refer to the particular smoke-free premises in which a sign is displayed (such as "this hotel"). Entrances between smoke-free premises (i.e. a café in a shopping centre) and secondary entrances used by persons working in premises will only need to carry the international no smoking symbol, at least 70mm in diameter. Vehicles subject to smoke-free legislation will be required to display the international no smoking symbol, at least 70mm in diameter. The Department of Health will distribute signs to businesses free of charge that meet the requirements set out in the regulations.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft Regulations are required to support smoke-free legislation, coming into force in England on 1 July 2007. Section 6 of the Health Act 2006 requires the display of no smoking signs in smoke-free premises and vehicles. The requirements for signage set out in (8) above are based on the need to ensure that signage is clear and uniform, so that all members of the public are aware when premises and vehicles are smoke-free.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The draft Regulations are being made under section 6 of the Health Act 2006. The Health Act 2006 conferred powers on the UK Government to make regulations concerning the prohibition of smoking in certain premises and vehicles. The Act completed its Parliamentary stages on 18 July 2006 and received Royal Assent on 19 July 2006. A consultation document, which invited comments on the proposed signage requirements, is also attached. The consultation proposed to include signage requirements for smoke-free premises and vehicles within the Smoke-free (General Provisions) Regulations 2006. However, to simplify notification to the European Commission and other Member States it was decided to specify signage requirements in a separate set of regulations. The Health Act 2006 is also available at:
http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2006/ukpga_20060028_en.pdf.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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