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## The Taxi Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 201[5] - Draft

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### Message

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#### **4. Notification Number**

2015/0262/UK - T40T

#### **5. Title**

The Taxi Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 201[5] - Draft

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Regulation of the technical specification of vehicles permitted to be licensed within Northern Ireland as 'wheelchair accessible taxis'.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The draft Regulations apply to wheelchair accessible taxis which are licensed for use in Northern Ireland.

The draft Regulations set down the technical specifications for vehicles first licensed as wheelchair accessible taxis after the operative date of the Regulations.

The Regulations set down -

- a) the dimensions of wheelchair spaces;
- b) the requirements and standards for wheelchair and wheelchair user restraint systems;
- c) the requirement for the vehicle to be fitted with a boarding ramp or lift or to carry a portable ramp;
- d) the requirements, dimensions and standards for boarding lifts and ramps;
- e) the dimensions of entrances and exits intended for use by wheelchair users;
- f) the requirement for certain vehicles to be fitted with an intercom system and induction loop system;
- g) the requirements and dimensions for steps or running boards on the vehicles; and
- h) the requirements in relation to handholds and handrails.

The technical specifications are mandatory only for taxis; privately owned wheelchair accessible vehicles are not affected.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The Regulations will replace an existing specification for wheelchair accessible taxis which is twenty years old and does not reflect the best practice for the carriage of wheelchair users and people of reduced mobility.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

No Basic Text exists



**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**

Yes

**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

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