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## The Smoke-Free (Signs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.

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### Message

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

United Kingdom

#### 3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade & Investment: Office of Science and Innovation

#### 3. Originating Department

Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety ("the Department"). .

#### 4. Notification Number

2006/630/UK - XOOM

#### 5. Title

The Smoke-Free (Signs) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.



## 6. Products Concerned

The draft regulations include detailed requirements for the display of 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 Northern Ireland only and set out the requirements for the content and display of no-smoking signs in smoke-free premises and vehicles. They also place a duty on the operators, drivers and persons responsible for order or safety on relevant vehicles to display signs in such vehicles. 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 dimension of 148mm by 210mm, showing the international no smoking symbol at least 75mm in diameter. Vehicles are required to display the international no smoking symbol, at least 75 mm in diameter. The Department will make available signs that meet the requirements set out in the regulations.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The primary purpose of the prohibition on smoking in smoke-free premises and vehicles is to protect the public from exposure to the health risks of environmental tobacco smoke. Article 7 of the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 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 Articles 7(2) (3) and (4) of the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 (attached). The 2006 Order conferred powers on the Department to make regulations concerning the prohibition of smoking in certain premises and vehicles. The Order completed its Parliamentary process on 9 October 2006 and received Royal Assent on 14 November 2006. A consultation document, which invited comments on the proposed regulations, is also attached.

## 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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