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# The Sunbeds (Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland)

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## Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késéseket - Ma' jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Мääräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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## 1. Structured Information Line

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## 2. Member State

UK

## 3. Department Responsible

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#### 4. Notification Number

2011/0269/UK - B20

#### 5. Title

The Sunbeds (Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland)

#### 6. Products Concerned

Health risks (and other information) pertaining to sunbed use in Northern Ireland.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

The Sunbeds Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 ('the Act') enable the Department of Health and Public Safety in Northern Ireland ("the Department") to prescibe the health risks (and other information as required) of sunbed use that must be provided to users, hirers and sellers of sunbeds and which sunbeds operators must display in a prominent position on their premises. The regulations also prescibe the form and manner in which this information is to be provided.

The draft regulations, which extend to Northern Ireland only, prescibe the information, and the form and manner, which is to be provided and displayed in the circumstances descibed above.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The draft Regulations have been made under sections 4(11), 5(4) and 16(1) of the Sunbeds Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 ("the Act"). The primary aim of the draft regulations is to ensure that those who use sunbeds in sunbed premises, or buy or hire a sunbed, are informed of the health risks of doing so through prescribed information and notices. The regulations will complement the other measures in the Act.

There is comprehensive evidence of the increased risks of skin cancer from sunbed use. Many concerns have been raised in the public health arena about the increased use of sunbeds, particularly amongst young people. Research has shown that using sunbeds before the age of 35 increases the risk of developing malignant melanoma (the most serious form of skin cancer) by 75%.

The need to protect public health is therefore clear and the Act and its subsequent regulations mirror similar powers introduced in Scotland and Wales.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: (a) The Sunbeds Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 c.19

- (b) Regulation of the Sunbed Industry in Northern Ireland A Public Consultation
- (c) Regulation of the Sunbed Industry in Northern Ireland Consultation Report A Summary of responses and Departmental decisions

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure   No
12. Grounds for the Emergency
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 is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure
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