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## The Taxi Licensing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία 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 késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika 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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**4. Notification Number**

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**5. Title**

The Taxi Licensing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

**6. Products Concerned**

Fire Extinguishers.

Amendments to existing legislation to update requirements for approval markings on fire extinguishers fitted to taxis. The amendments will require fire extinguishers fitted in these vehicles to fully meet the EN3 Standard, ie: be water or foam based extinguishers with a minimum capacity of at least 2 litres.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

Technical amendment to the existing Taxi Licensing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 to ensure legal provisions are in place to ensure that all taxis are fitted with fire extinguishers which meet the accepted current British Standard for manufacture.

The amendment will require these fire extinguishers to comply in all respects with the specification for portable fire extinguishers issued by the British Standards Institution numbered BS EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007

- ie: - have a minimum test fire rating of 8A or 34B;  
- contain water or foam; and  
- have a minimum of two litres capacity.

**9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

To ensure that fire extinguishers fitted in taxis fully meet the EN3 standard so as to be effective when used. This will help address any health and safety concerns relating to driver and passenger safety.

The objective is also to ensure legal provisions are in place as to ensure that all taxis are fitted with fire extinguishers which meet the accepted current standard for manufacture.

**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

References of the Basic Texts: The Taxi Licensing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 will be made using powers conferred on the Department for Infrastructure by sections 20(2)(i) and 56(1) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (attached separately at Annexes A and B respectively)

The parent legislation, the Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, is attached at Annex E.



**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 is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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