

These notes refer to the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2014

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

OVERVIEW

6. The Act contains 32 sections and one Schedule. Sections 1 and 2 deal with the general requirement to obtain a pavement café licence. Sections 3 to 12 set out the application procedures for the grant, renewal, and variation of a licence. Section 13 sets out the procedure when there are multiple licence holders and there is a change of a business partner. Sections 14 to 19 deal with revocation, suspension and compulsory variation of a licence. Section 20 makes provision for certain matters to be recorded in the register under liquor licensing law. Section 21 specifies the circumstances in which appeals can be made against a decision of a district council. Sections 22 to 24 give district councils powers of entry, removal etc for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act. Supplementary matters are set out in Sections 25 to 32. The Schedule amends existing legislation as a consequence of the introduction of the Act. The provision made by the Act for licensing pavement cafés is an “authorisation scheme” for the purposes of the Provision of Services Regulations 2009, and the Act therefore needs to be read in conjunction with the relevant provisions of those Regulations.