

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
The Licensing (Form of Licence)(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
2016

SR No. 295

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Communities (the Department) to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (the Order) and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The Statutory Rule amends The Licensing (Form of Licence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 which prescribe the form of licence issued by courts authorising the retail sale of intoxicating liquor. The Statutory Rule amends the current form of a liquor licence to include an outdoor stadium as a kind of premises for which a licence may be granted and to insert a part in the licence which will detail any conditions imposed on a licence for this kind of premises.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Order regulates the retail sale of intoxicating liquor to the public.
- 3.2. The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 amends the Order by adding an outdoor stadium to the kind of premises which may be granted a liquor licence by the courts.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. Correspondence with the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunal Service confirmed they have no issue with the minor change required to the form of a liquor licence.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. An Equality Impact Assessment was not considered necessary, as proposed amendments are of a minor procedural nature.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. These Regulations do not require a Regulatory Impact Assessment as they do not impose costs on businesses, charities or voluntary groups.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. No financial implications.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

- 8.1. The Department has considered section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and is satisfied that the Statutory Rule is not incompatible with the convention rights, is not incompatible with community law, does not

discriminate against a person or class of person on the grounds of religious belief or political opinion and does not modify an enactment in breach of section 7 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. These Regulations do not replicate any corresponding legislation in Great Britain where local authorities are responsible for issuing liquor licences.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.