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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2017 No. 141**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Taxi Licensing (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017**

*Made - - - - 4th July 2017*

*Coming into operation 6th November 2017*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 20 and 56(1) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008<sup>(2)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Taxi Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**Amendment of regulation 23 (fire extinguishers) and Schedule 4 (fire extinguishing apparatus)**

2.—(1) The Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>(4)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 23—

- (a) in paragraph (1) for “one or more of the types” substitute “the type”;
- (b) in paragraph (3) for “21B” substitute “34B”; and
- (c) in paragraph (4) after the term “EEA State” in each place that it occurs insert “or the Republic of Turkey”.

(3) For Schedule 4 substitute—

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(1) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment is dissolved  
(2) 2008 c. 4 (N.I.)  
(3) See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76)  
(4) S.R. 2015 No. 393 as amended by S.R. 2016 No. 140

“SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 23(1)

Fire Extinguishing Apparatus

A fire extinguisher which complies in all respects with the specification for portable fire extinguishers issued by the British Standards Institution numbered BS EN 3-7:2004+A1:2007 and which—

- (a) has a minimum test fire rating 8A or 34B;
- (b) contains water or foam; and
- (c) has a minimum capacity of two litres.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017



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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 so as to update requirements for fire extinguishers fitted to taxis including the requirement that a fire extinguisher has a minimum capacity of two litres.

The requirement to remove halon gas from fire extinguishers is contained within Regulation (EC) No 2037/2000 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 June 2000 and Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2009 (OJ L 244, 29.9.2000, p.1-24) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 (OJ L 286, 31.10.2009, p.1-30).

These Regulations have been notified to the European Commission pursuant to European Parliament and Council Directive 98/34/EC

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available from the Safe and Sustainable Travel Division, Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 8GB or online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>.