

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^(a), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 20 and 56(1) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008^(b) and now vested in it^(c).

Citation and commencement

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

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

2.—(1) The Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015^(d) 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—

(a) 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

(b) 2008 c. 4 (N.I.)

(c) 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)

(d) 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 4th 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

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