

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

S.R. No. 225

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Infrastructure to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under sections 16(1) and 18(5) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Regulations is to amend Part 1 of the Schedule to the Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ("the Taximeters Regulations") which sets out the maximum fare tariff that may be charged by the driver of a taxi operating a taximeter.

3. Background

- 3.1. These Regulations correct an error in the waiting time element (the element that determines the charge when a taxi is stopped or moving at slow speeds) of the maximum fare tariffs contained in the Schedule to the Taximeters Regulations. This amendment accurately reflects how fares are currently calculated in practice and does not result in any increase in the fares being charged.
- 3.2. The Regulations also make a minor amendment to the sub-paragraph numbers in regulation 10(2A) of the Taximeters Regulations.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The nature of the changes to the Taximeters Regulations are minor and not considered to require public consultation.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out in relation to the Taximeters Regulations and is being relied upon for these amending Regulations.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was carried out in relation to the Taximeters Regulations and is considered to also cover these amending Regulations.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. There are no matters of concern relating to compatibility with section 24.

9. EU Implications

9.1. None

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. There is no equivalent GB legislation.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable