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# **Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008**

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- 9. In Article 76 (inspection of public passenger vehicles and goods...
- 10. In Article 78(1) (prohibitions conditional on inspection, etc.), after "not...

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11. In Article 2(2) (general interpretation), in the definition of "the...

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- s. 15 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
- s. 19 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
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- s. 39 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)

-	s. 41 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3 omitted (22.5.2015) by
	virtue of S.R. 2015/257, art. 2)
-	s. 42 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect not
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-	s. 48 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect not
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-	Sch. 1 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3 (This effect
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-	Sch. 2 para. 5 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3
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-	Sch. 2 para. 10 coming into force by S.R. 2014/300 art. 2(3)Sch. Pt. 3
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