



2008 CHAPTER 4

PART 6

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

*General*

**Interpretation**

57.—(1) In this Act—

“the 1981 Order” means the [Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1981 \(NI 1\)](#);

“the 1995 Order” means the [Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1995 \(NI 18\)](#);

“affiliated driver” has the meaning given by section 1(2);

“authorised officer” means a vehicle examiner or an officer authorised in writing by the Department for the purposes of this Act;

“the Department” means the Department of the Environment;

“driver”, where a separate person acts as steersperson of a motor vehicle, includes that person as well as any other person engaged in the driving of the vehicle;

“licensed operator” has the meaning given by section 1(1);

“licensed taxi” means a taxi for which there is in force a taxi licence;

“motor vehicle” has the same meaning as in the 1981 Order;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“operate a taxi service” has the meaning given by section 1(4);

“operating centre” means premises at or from which a taxi operator operates a taxi service;

“operator’s licence” means a licence under section 2;

“owner”, in relation to a vehicle, means the person by whom the vehicle is kept, which in the case of a vehicle registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22) is presumed (unless the contrary is proved) to be the person in whose name the vehicle is registered

“premises” includes any place (including premises occupied as a private dwelling, any installation on land or any movable structure), but (except for the purposes of a power of entry under section 38(3)) does not include any vehicles;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“regulations” (except in sections 41, 42 and 56) means regulations made by the Department;

“statutory provision” has the meaning given in section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954;

“taxi” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry not more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver—

- (a) which is used in standing or plying for hire or reward; or
- (b) which is provided with the services of a driver and is used to carry passengers for hire or reward in the course of business of carrying passengers,

but does not include any vehicle in respect of which a certificate of exemption in the prescribed form has been issued by the Department or any vehicle to which Article 66A of the 1981 Order (car-sharing arrangements) applies;

“taxi booking” means a booking for a taxi to carry one or more passengers for hire or reward (including a booking to carry out as sub-contractor a taxi booking accepted by another operator);

“taxi driver’s licence” means a licence under section 23;

“taxi licence” means a licence under section 13;

“taximeter” means a device that works together with a signal generator to make a measuring instrument; with the device measuring duration, calculating distance on the basis of a signal delivered by the distance signal generator, and calculating and displaying the fare to be charged in respect of any journey in a taxi on the basis of the calculated distance or the measured duration of the journey or a combination of both;

“taxi operator” means a person who operates a taxi service;

“vehicle examiner” means an examiner appointed by the Department under Article 74 of the 1995 Order.

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**Status:** *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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(2) In this Act, references to the carriage of passengers for hire or reward include references to the carriage of passengers at separate fares.