

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**2000 No. 2990**

**DISABLED PERSONS  
TRANSPORT, ENGLAND AND WALES**

The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

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| <i>Made</i>                                | - - - - | <i>8th November 2000</i> |
| <i>Laid Before Parliament</i>              |         | <i>8th November 2000</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i>                   |         |                          |
| <i>for the purposes of regulation 2(1)</i> |         | <i>1st December 2000</i> |
| <i>For all other purposes</i>              |         | <i>31st March 2001</i>   |

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 37(8)(b) and (9) and 67(2) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** Regulations continued under new enabling powers in 2010 c. 15 (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by [The Equality Act 2010 \(Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2317\)](#), arts. 1(2), 21, [Sch. 7](#)

**Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent**

**1.—(1)** These Regulations may be cited as the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force—

- (a) for the purposes of regulation 2(1) on 1st December 2000; and
- (b) for all other purposes on 31st March 2001.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) In these Regulations “the 2010 Act” means the Equality Act 2010.]

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

**F1** Reg. 1(2) substituted (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(2)** (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))

#### Commencement Information

**I1** Reg. 1 in force at 31.3.2001, see **reg. 1(1)(b)**

### Notices of exemption

**2.—(1)** The prescribed notice of exemption for the purposes of [<sup>F2</sup>section 169(4)(b) of the 2010 Act] shall be—

- (a) in the case of a driver of a taxi to whom the [<sup>F3</sup>exemption certificate] has been issued by a licensing authority in England, the notice set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations; and
- (b) in the case of a driver of a taxi to whom the [<sup>F4</sup>exemption certificate] has been issued by a licensing authority in Wales, the notice set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

[<sup>F5</sup>(2) The prescribed manner of exhibiting a notice of exemption for the purposes of [<sup>F6</sup>section 169(4)(b) of the 2010 Act] shall be—

- (a) by displaying it—
  - (i) on the nearside of and immediately behind the windscreen of the taxi facing outwards; and
  - (ii) in a manner that readily permits its removal;
- (b) so that—
  - (i) its front is clearly visible from the outside of the taxi; and
  - (ii) its back is clearly visible from the driver's seat of the taxi.]

**F2** Words in **reg. 2(1)** substituted (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(3)** (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))

**F3** Words in **reg. 2(1)(a)** substituted (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(4)** (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))

**F4** Words in **reg. 2(1)(b)** substituted (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(5)** (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))

**F5** Reg. 2(2) substituted (17.7.2006) by The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis)(Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.)(England and Wales)(Amendment) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/1616), regs. 1, **2(2)**

**F6** Words in **reg. 2(2)** substituted (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(6)** (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))

#### Commencement Information

**I2** Reg. 2(1) in force at 1.12.2000, see **reg. 1(1)(a)**

**I3** Reg. 2(2) in force at 31.3.2001, see **reg. 1(1)(b)**

**[<sup>F7</sup>Prescribed charities**

**3.** Each of the following is a prescribed charity for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of “assistance dog” in section 173(1) of the 2010 Act (so far as that definition applies for the purposes of section 168 of that Act)—

- (a) “Dogs for the Disabled” registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1092960;
- (b) “Support Dogs” registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1017237; and
- (c) “Canine Partners for Independence” registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 803680.]

**F7** Reg. 3 substituted (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by [The Equality Act 2010 \(Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2317\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(7)** (with [Sch. 8 para. 2\(10\)-\(12\)](#))

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

*Keith Hill*  
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Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000. (See end of Document for details)

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 2(1)(a)

**FORM OF FRONT OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ENGLAND**

SECTION 37 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(Name of tax licensing authority):

Driver's name \_\_\_\_\_

License No. \_\_\_\_\_

The person named above is exempt from carrying guide dogs, hearing dogs, or assistance dogs in the taxi specified at "A" below or in a kind of taxi specified at "B" below.

A. Registration number of specified taxi: \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Kind of taxi: \_\_\_\_\_

(a) taxis with fixed partition segregating the driver from the passenger compartment.  
(b) taxis with cut-fixed partition segregating the driver from the passenger compartment.

This notice expires \_ \_ 20 \_ \_

Details see appropriate



**F8** Sch. 1: the words "SECTION 169 EQUALITY ACT 2010" are substituted for "SECTION 37 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995" (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by [The Equality Act 2010 \(Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/2317\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 8 para. 2(8)** (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))

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**Commencement Information**  
**I4** Sch. 1 Pt. 1 in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(I\)\(a\)](#)

**FORM OF BACK OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN ENGLAND**

**WARNING**

Only the driver named overleaf may display this notice when driving the vehicle. The notice may also remain on display when the vehicle is parked provided it has been driven by, and is to be driven by, the named driver. Otherwise the named driver must remove the notice.

**F9** Sch. 1 Pt. 2 (including form) substituted (17.7.2006) by [The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 \(Taxis\) \(Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.\)\(England and Wales\)\(Amendment\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1616\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1**

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**Commencement Information**  
**I5** Sch. 1 Pt. 2 in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(I\)\(a\)](#)

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 2(1)(b)

FORM OF FRONT OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN WALES

ADRAN 37 DEDDF GWAHANIAETHU AR SAIL ANABLEDD 1995

HYSBYSIAD EITHRIO

[SECTION 37 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION]

[Ffwr awcwrdd (wyddedu taxis)
(Name of taxi licensing authority)
Eidd y cwmni
(Driver's name)
Rhif y Dwyddell
(License No)]

Mae'r sawl a enwir uchod wedi'i eithrio rhag cludo cŵn tywys, cŵn i'r bydular, neu yŵn
cymorth yn y taxi a nodir yn "A" isod neu mewn math o ddael a nodir yn "B" isod.
(The person named above is exempt from carrying guide dogs, hearing dogs, or assistance dogs
in the taxi specified at "A" below or in a kind of taxi specified at "B" below.)

A Rhif cofrestru'r taxi benodigedig B Math o ddael
(A Registration number of specified taxi) (B Kind of taxi)

- (a) Taxis a thraed sefydlu sy'n gwahanu'r gerwr with arwr y cerbynnau
(b) Taxis with fixed partition segregating the driver from the passenger compartment.
(c) Taxis with one handycap rated sefydlu sy'n gwahanu'r gerwr with arwr y cerbynnau
(d) Taxis without fixed partition segregating the driver from the passenger compartment

Mae'r hysbysiad hwn yn ddirwyn i ben yn 20
(This notice expires . 20 . )



[Mae'r ffrâm hon yn ddwyieithog
(This text is bilingual)]

F10 Sch. 2: the words "ADRAN 169 DEDDF CYDRADDOLDEB 2010" are substituted for "ADRAN 37 DEDDF GWAHANIAETHU AR SAIL ANABLEDD 1995" (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), Sch. 8 para. 2(9)(a) (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))
F11 Sch. 2: the words "SECTION 169 EQUALITY ACT 2010" are substituted for "SECTION 37 DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995" (1.10.2010 immediately after the commencement of S.I. 2010/2779) by The Equality Act 2010 (Commencement No. 4, Savings, Consequential, Transitional, Transitory and Incidental Provisions and Revocation) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/2317), art. 1(2), Sch. 8 para. 2(9)(b) (with Sch. 8 para. 2(10)-(12))
Commencement Information
I6 Sch. 2 Pt. 1 in force at 1.12.2000, see reg. 1(1)(a)

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000*. (See end of Document for details)

## FORM OF BACK OF NOTICE OF EXEMPTION IN WALES

### RHYBUDD WARNING

Dim ond y sawl a enwir drosodd a all arddangos  
yr hysbysiad hwy wrth yrru'r cerbyd. Gellir  
arddangos yr Hysbysiad hwn pan fydd y cerbyd  
wedi'i barcio cyhyd ag y bydd yn cael ei yrru gan,  
ac i'w yrru gan, y gyrrwr a enwyd.  
Fel arall rhaid i'r gyrrwr dynnu'r hysbysiad.

[Only the driver named overleaf may display this  
Notice when driving the vehicle. The notice may also  
remain on display when the vehicle is parked  
provided it has been driven by, and is to be driven by,  
the named driver. Otherwise the named driver must remove the notice.]

**F12** Sch. 2 Pt. 2 (including form) substituted (17.7.2006) by [The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 \(Taxis\) \(Carrying of Guide Dogs etc.\)\(England and Wales\)\(Amendment\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1616\)](#), reg. 1, [Sch. 2](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I7** Sch. 2 Pt. 2 in force at 1.12.2000, see [reg. 1\(1\)\(a\)](#)

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 37 of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 imposes a duty on taxi drivers to carry, without additional charge a guide dog, hearing dog and other prescribed category of dog when it accompanies the hirer. It also provides that a taxi driver may be exempted from this obligation on medical grounds. (The dates on which these provisions come into force for England and Wales are prescribed by [S.I.2000/2989 \(C.91\)](#) made at the same time as these Regulations.)

These Regulations, which apply to taxis licensed in England and Wales, prescribe the form of the exemption notice which must be displayed by an exempted driver and the manner of its display in the taxi.

The Regulations also prescribe as an additional category of dog to which section 37 applies certain dogs helping people with epilepsy or certain general physical disabilities.

The provisions prescribing the form of exemption notices come into force on 1st December 2000. For all other purposes the Regulations come into force on 31st March 2001.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 1/18 Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1 4DR (telephone 020 7944 6100). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Taxis) (Carrying of Guide Dogs etc. ) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.