

These notes refer to the Licensing of Pavement Cafés Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (c.9) which received Royal Assent on 12 May 2014

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Section 15: Suspension of licence

Section 15 sets out the circumstances in which a district council may suspend a pavement café licence. These are that:

- the licensed area (or part thereof) is, or is going to become, **temporarily** unsuitable for that purpose; and
- continuing to use all, or any part of the public area, for that purpose would, **temporarily**, cause undue interference or inconvenience to persons or vehicles in the vicinity, or be likely to result in disorder.

This power allows a council to suspend a licence for example, when utilities maintenance is required, roadworks are scheduled etc. A council may also suspend a licence (as an alternative to revoking it under Section 14) if the licence holder has made a false statement in connection with any application, or failed to fix a notice to the premises specified in the application, or has persistently failed to comply with any condition of a licence or failed to pay any fee (without good reason) to the council.