

**2022 No. 79**

**LICENSING**

**The Licensing (Notice Relating to Restaurants and Guest Houses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022**

*Made* - - - - *3rd March 2022*

*Coming into operation* - *7th April 2022*

The Department for Communities(a) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 51(4B) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(b) and now vested in it(c).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Licensing (Notice Relating to Restaurants and Guest Houses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2022 and shall come into operation on 7th April 2022.

**Form and dimensions of Notice**

2. A notice under Article 51(4B) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 must –
- (a) contain the information specified in the Schedule; and
  - (b) be contained in a document the dimensions of which are no less than 297 mm in length and 210 mm in width.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 3rd March 2022.

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A senior officer of the Department for Communities

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(a) Formerly the Department for Social Development see section 1(7) of the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))  
(b) S.I. 1996 No. 3158 Article 51(4B) was inserted by section 17 of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (2021 c. 7 (N.I.))  
(c) See Article 8(b) of and Part II of Schedule 6 to the Departments (Transfer and Assignment of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R. 1999 No. 481)

**Notice of licence conditions**

It is an offence to sell, or make available for purchase, intoxicating liquor or permit it to be consumed in a licensed restaurant unless:

- (a) it is sold for consumption and is consumed –
  - (i) as ancillary to a main table meal; and
  - (ii) in a part of the restaurant set apart for the service of such meals or for the service of intoxicating liquor and other beverages to diners before or after such meals; and
- (b) it is paid for at the same time, and on the same bill, as the meal; and
- (c) suitable beverages other than intoxicating liquor (including drinking water) are also made available for consumption; and
- (d) no payment is made by way of an entrance fee to the premises containing the restaurant.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations prescribe the form and dimensions of the notice relating to licence conditions that restaurants must display in those areas where main table meals are served or where intoxicating liquor and other beverages are served to diners before or after such meals.

These Regulations also prescribe information in relation to the conditions mentioned in Article 51(3) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 No. 3158 (N.I. 22) (“the 1996 Order”) that must be complied with in relation to the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor in such premises.

The Regulations also apply to guest houses which carry on the business of a restaurant in the premises – see Article 51(2) of the 1996 Order.

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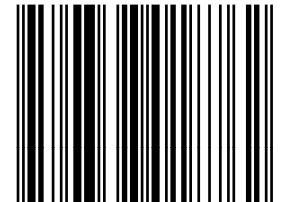
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