STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 148

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*11th March 2016*
Coming into operation	*31st May 2016*

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16(1) and 18(4) and (5) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008(**1**).

In accordance with section 16(3) of that Act the Department has taken into consideration recommendations made by the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 31st May 2016.

Amendment of the Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations

2.—(1) The Taxis (Taximeters, Devices and Maximum Fares) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(**2**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 5(1) (presentation for inspection, testing and sealing) for "should" substitute "shall".

(3) In regulation 10 (use of taximeter)—

(a) for paragraph (2) substitute—

"(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where—

(a) the journey the taxi is used to provide is an executive service or a tour service;

(b) the journey the taxi is used to provide is a service for—

(i) a health and social care body as defined in section 1(5) of the Health and Social Care (Reform) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009(**3**); or

(**1**) 2008 c.4 (N.I.)
(**2**) S.R. 2015 No. 394
(**3**) 2009 c.1 (N.I.)

(ii) the Education Authority established under the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(**4**); or

(c) the passenger is advised by the taxi operator that the distance to be travelled by the taxi without the passenger in fulfilling the booking will exceed the actual distance of the passenger's journey in the taxi, and in advance of the commencement of the journey—

(i) the passenger waives the right to have the fare calculated by taximeter; and

(ii) the fare for the journey is otherwise agreed.

(2A) Where paragraph (2)(c) applies, the following information shall be recorded in writing and carried in the taxi throughout the period of the journey and a copy of the record offered to the passenger—

(a) confirmation that the passenger has been advised in accordance with paragraph (2)(c);

(b) confirmation that the passenger has waived the right to have the fare calculated by taximeter;

(b) the fare agreed for the journey;

(c) the name of the person for whom the taxi booking is made;

(d) the date of the journey;

(e) the time and place of collection;

(f) the destination; and

(g) the taxi driver's licence number.";

(b) in paragraph (3), for "The fare" substitute "When calculated by a taximeter, the fare"; and

(c) for paragraph (7) substitute—

"(7) In this regulation "commencement of the journey" means—

(a) at the specific time and place agreed with the person who hired the taxi; or

(b) where the taxi arrives later than the time agreed with the person who hired the taxi, at the time the taxi arrives.".

(4) In regulation 15(2) (receipts) after "is not required" insert "or where regulation 10(2) applies".

(5) For Schedule 1 substitute the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

(**4**) 2014 c.12 (N.I.)