STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 389 (C. 35)

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - - 1st December 2015

The Department of the Environment makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 59 of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008(**1**).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement No. 5) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015.

(2) In this Order "the Act" means the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Appointed days

2.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act specified in Part 1 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making regulations, is 2nd December 2015.

(2) The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act specified in Part 2 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making an application for a taxi licence, is 9th May 2016.

(3) The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act specified in Part 3 of the Schedule, for all purposes, is 31st May 2016.

(**1**) 2008 c.4 (N.I.)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 1st December 2015

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SCHEDULE Article 2

PART 1

Provisions coming into operation on 2nd December 2015 for the purpose only of making regulations

Provisions of the Act	*Subject Matter*
Section 16	Regulation of fares, etc.
Section 17(1) and (3)	Display and publication, etc. of fares
Section 18(1), (4) and (5)	Regulation of taximeters etc.

PART 2

Provisions coming into operation on 9th May 2016 for the purpose only of making an application for a taxi licence

Provisions of the Act	*Subject Matter*
Section 13(1) insofar as not already in operation	Taxi licences

PART 3

Provisions coming into operation on 31st May 2016 for all purposes

Provisions of the Act	*Subject Matter*
Section 5	Hiring of taxis at separate fares - General
Section 6	Compliance with Departmental taxi-sharing scheme
Section 7	Advance booking
Section 12	Requirement for taxi licence
Section 13 insofar as not already in operation	Taxi licences
Section 14	Duties of owners of licensed taxis
Section 15 insofar as not already in operation	Identification of licensed vehicles
Section 16 insofar as not already in operation	Regulation of fares, etc.
Section 17(1), (3) and (4) insofar as not already in operation	Display and publication, etc. of fares
Section 18 insofar as not already in operation	Regulation of taximeters etc.
Section 19 insofar as not already in operation	Taxis not to carry more than the prescribed number of persons

Provisions of the Act	*Subject Matter*
Section 20 insofar as not already in operation	Regulations concerning taxis or use of taxis
Section 39	Power to stop and examine licensed taxis
Section 41	Power of seizure
Section 42	Regulations concerning vehicles and equipment seized under section 38 or 41
Section 43	Taxi touts
Section 48 and Schedule 1 for the purpose of the insertions into the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**2**) only insofar as they relate to offences under sections 5(2), 12(2) and (3), 14(6), 15(3) and (4), 16(4), 17(4), 18(6) and (8), 19(2), 20(3), 39(3) and 43(1)	Offences
Section 54(1) insofar as not already in operation	Application of other statutory provisions
Paragraphs 2, 5, 6(b), 8, 9, 10 and 13(b) of Schedule 2 and section 58(1) insofar as it relates to those paragraphs	Minor and consequential amendments

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation the provisions of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 specified in—

(a) Part 1 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making regulations, on 2nd December 2015;

(b) Part 2 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making an application for a taxi licence, on 9th May 2016; and

(c) Part 3 of the Schedule, for all purposes, on 31st May 2016.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have been brought into operation by commencement order made before the date of this Order.

Provision	*Date of Commencement*	*S.R. No.*
Section 21	23rd November 2009	2009 No. 352 (C. 25)

(**2**) S.I. 1996/1320 (N.I. 10)