STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2009 No. 367

TOURISM

Categories of Tourist Establishment (Statutory Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

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The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment(**1**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 12(5) and (6) of the Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**2**), after consultation with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Categories of Tourist Establishment (Statutory Criteria) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 and shall come into operation on 11th November 2009.

(2) In these regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Categories of Tourist Establishment (Statutory Criteria) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992(**3**).

(3) In these regulations "the Tourism Order" means the Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992.

Amendment of Schedule 1 to the principal regulations

2.—(1) Subject to regulation 3, Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (12).

(2) (a) For sub-paragraph (1)(a) substitute—

"(a) overnight sleeping accommodation in not less than 15 double bedrooms all of which must be ensuite;";

(b) in sub-paragraph (1)(b) omit ", midday meal" and before "refreshments" insert "midday"; and

(c) for sub-paragraph (1)(c) substitute—

"(c) the daily cleaning of bedrooms when visitors are resident.".

(**1**) Formerly of the Department of Economic Development, S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1), Article 3(5)
(**2**) S.I. 1992/235 (N.I. 3)
(**3**) S.R. 1992 No.149

(3) (a) In paragraph 4 (dining area) in sub-paragraph (1) for "visitors" substitute "bedrooms";

(b) for the Table in sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

"**Table**

Column 1	*Column 2*
Number of Bedrooms	Dining Area
Up to 50	50 square metres
51 to 60	60 square metres
61 to 70	70 square metres
71 to 80	80 square metres
81 to 90	90 square metres
91 to 100	100 square metres
101 to 125	125 square metres
126 or more	150 square metres"

(c) In sub-paragraph (2)(b) for "for whom the establishment provides sleeping accommodation" substitute "who may reasonably be expected to use the area at any one time";

(d) in sub-paragraph (2)(f) omit the words "ash trays, table cloths, table mats,";

(e) for sub-paragraph (2)(g) substitute—

"(g) have sufficient crockery of good quality to serve the number of diners who may reasonably be expected to use the area at any one time;" ;

(f) at the end of sub-paragraph (h) omit "; and" and insert a full stop; and

(g) omit sub-paragraph (2)(i).

(4) (a) In paragraph 5 (kitchen area) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) insert "and";

(b) at the end of sub-paragraph (c) omit "; and" and insert a full stop; and

(c) omit sub-paragraph (d) .

(5) Omit paragraph 6 (lounge area).

(6) (a) In paragraph 7 (general toilets) in sub-paragraph (2)(b) after the words "separate compartments" insert "and shall be capable of being locked";

(b) in sub-paragraph (3) for "visitors" substitute "bedrooms"; and

(c) in sub-paragraph (3) in the heading to Column 1 of the Table for "Visitors" substitute "Bedrooms".

(7) (a) In paragraph 8 (visitor's bedrooms) in sub-paragraph (d) omit "a floor to ceiling height of not less than 2.44 metres and";

(b) in sub-paragraph (f) for "one electrical outlet" substitute "two electrical outlets";

(c) for sub-paragraph (g)(ii) substitute—

"(ii) a supply of clean linen, blankets or duvets and pillows;"

(d) for sub-paragraph (g)(v) substitute—

"(v) luggage racks and waste baskets;"

(e) in sub-paragraph (g)(vii) after "blinds" insert "which shall be sufficient to ensure privacy and exclusion of light"; and

(f) in sub-paragraph (g)(viii) omit "and shaver point".

(8) After paragraph 8 insert—

"8A. The establishment may provide bedrooms outside, but adjacent to, the main building and all such bedrooms shall be ensuite."

(9) In paragraph 9 (bathroom and toilets) in sub-paragraph (5) omit "and shaver point".

(10) In paragraph 10 (management and staff) omit sub-paragraph (4).

(11) After paragraph 10 insert—

"**Staff facilities**

10A.—(1) There shall be staff facilities provided which may be located separately from the kitchen area and, if appropriate, outside but adjacent to the main building.

(2) Staff facilities shall include adequate toilets with hand washing facilities, changing areas with locker provision and a combined lounge and dining area."

(12) For paragraph 11 (other criteria) substitute—

"11. The establishment shall provide basic first aid equipment."

3. Paragraph 1(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations shall continue to apply to any establishment certified under the Order as a hotel before the 11th November 2009 as if these Regulations had not been made.

Amendment of Schedule 2 to the principal regulations

4.—(1) Subject to regulation 5, Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (7).

(2) In paragraph 1 (general), for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—

"(1) The establishment shall—

(a) provide overnight sleeping accommodation in not less than 3 double bedrooms all of which must be ensuite;

(b) provide meals (including breakfast and an evening meal); and

(c) provide for the daily cleaning of rooms when visitors are resident.".

(3) In paragraph 3 (entrance) for sub-paragraph(a) substitute—

"(a) of sufficient size to cater for the number of visitors who may reasonably be expected to use it at any one time;".

(4) In paragraph 4 (dining area) for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—

"(d) provide cutlery, condiments, napkins and crockery to be sufficient for the number of guests who may reasonably be expected to use it at any one time and;".

(5) In paragraph 6 (lounge area) for "for whom sleeping accommodation is provided" substitute "who may be expected to use them at any one time".

(6) (a) In paragraph 7 (visitors' bedrooms) in sub-paragraph(c) for "one electrical outlet" substitute "two electrical outlets".

(b) for sub-paragraph (d)(ii) substitute—

"(ii) a supply of clean linen, blankets or duvets and pillows;"