

Response from Armagh & Dungannon H&SS Trust

DRAFT SMOKE-FREE (GENERAL PROVISIONS) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2007

Q1. Draft regulation 3 sets out proposed requirements for the content and display of no-smoking signs in premises. Each entrance to smoke-free premises will be required to display a no-smoking sign that meets the standard minimum requirements i.e. a flat rectangular sign with minimum dimensions of 148mm by 210 mm, display the international “no smoking” symbol and carry the words “No smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises” (Paragraphs 2.6 – 2.11 of the consultation document refer).

Do you agree with the proposals for the content and display of no-smoking signs in premises set out in regulation 3?

Yes No

If you wish to comment, please do so here.

Consideration and support for public bodies in meeting costs associated with meeting this regulation should be considered.

Q2. Draft regulation 4 sets out proposed requirements for the content and display of no-smoking signs in smoke-free vehicles. The operator of the smoke-free vehicle will be required to ensure that at least one no-smoking symbol is displayed in each compartment of his vehicle. The no smoking symbol consists of a graphic representation of a burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle with a red bar across it, at least 75mm in diameter (Paragraphs 2.12 – 2.15 of the consultation document refer).

Do you agree with the proposals for the content and display of no-smoking signs in smoke-free vehicles?

Yes No

If you wish to comment please do so here.

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Q3. Draft regulation 2 sets out a proposed exemption for a private dwelling. Those parts of the dwelling that are shared with other premises (including other private dwellings) such as communal lifts, indoor stairwells, communal corridors in a block of flats etc., which are open to the public or used as places of work will be smoke-free. It is proposed that any part of a private dwelling that is used solely as a place of work by more than one person will be smoke-free. The smoke-free requirement will not apply to work that is undertaken in any part of private dwellings for the provision of personal care for the person living there or to maintain the structure or fabric of the building etc (Paragraphs 3.3 – 3.6 of the consultation document refer).

Do you agree with the proposals in the draft regulations for private accommodation?

Yes

No

If you wish to comment please do so here.

We feel the any self contained rental accommodation for holiday or temporary use should be required to be smokefree to protect all users and regulations should extend to include holiday cottages or residential caravans for rental.

Q4. Draft regulation 3 sets out proposed exemptions for designated bedrooms in a hotel, guest house, inn, hostel or members' club. It also specifies certain conditions which must be satisfied (Paragraphs 3.7 – 3.8 of the consultation document refer).

Do you agree with the proposed exemptions and conditions in draft regulation 3 for hotels, guest houses, hostels etc?

Yes

No

If you wish to comment please do so here.

We support the proposed “designated bedroom “in which smoking is permitted option. This will allow choice for customers while maintaining protection against tobacco smoke.

However there should be limits on the number of rooms which can be designated as “smoking”

Q7. Draft regulation 9 sets out proposals for certain vehicles to be smoke-free (Paragraphs 3.27 – 3.32 refer).

Do you agree with the proposals for smoke-free vehicles?

Yes

No

If you wish to comment please do so here.

We support the proposals for all vehicles except those for private use to be smokefree at all times including all work vehicles and public transport including taxis.