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TOURISM

Certified Tourist Establishments (Display of Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

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The Department of Economic Development, in exercise of the power conferred by Article 22(1) of the Tourism (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf after consultation with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Certified Tourist Establishments (Display of Charges) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1992.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:—

"display of charges" has the meaning assigned to it by Regulation 3(1);

"establishment" means a certified tourist establishment; and

"services" means any service provided in an establishment for which a separate charge is made.

Manner of display of charges

3.—(1) The proprietor of an establishment shall, in accordance with these Regulations, display one or more than one copy of the scale of charges for the time being operative in respect of accommodation, and any other services, provided in the establishment; such display being hereinafter referred to as "the display of charges".

(2) If any accommodation in an establishment is provided inclusive of any meal or meals, the display of charges shall state the fact and the meals so provided shall be suitably identified.

(3) Where any increases or reductions are applicable to any scale of charges in respect of accommodation, or other services, provided in an establishment—

(*a*) if any particular requirement or condition is satisfied; or

(*b*) in relation to any particular period or periods,

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the display of charges on which the scale in question is shown shall state the fact and shall specify the amount of those increases or reductions and, as the case may be, the requirements or conditions, or the period or periods, in relation to which they apply.

(4) Where Value Added Tax is payable in respect of the accommodation, and any other services, provided in an establishment, the scale of charges for such accommodation or services shown on the display of charges shall be expressed so as to be inclusive of Value Added Tax.

Place of display of charges

4.—(1) The display of charges relating to each establishment shall, subject to paragraph (2), be—

(*a*) in a conspicuous place at each reception area of the establishment; or

(*b*) if there is no reception area, at or near each public entrance so as to be visible by any person before or immediately after he enters it.

(2) If an establishment has no reception area and contains tourist accommodation which is so arranged that access may be gained thereto without passing through a specific public entrance, the display of charges relating to that establishment shall be affixed to the interior of the entrance door of each self-contained unit providing tourist accommodation in the establishment.

(3) In this regulation 'self-contained unit' means any structure or part thereof (including houses, cottages, apartments or rooms, bungalows, chalets, cabins or caravans) provided by the proprietor of an establishment for the exclusive use of a visitor or party of visitors.

Display of additional information

5. In addition to the information required to be shown by these Regulations (''the statutory information'') a display of charges may show other information provided that such other information is not shown in such a way as to make it more difficult for the reader to discern the statutory information.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 6th April 1992.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations require the proprietor of any certified tourist establishment to display a copy of the scale of charges (defined as "the display of charges") for the time being operative in respect of accommodation, and any other services for which a charge is separately made, provided in the establishment. This display of charges must state:—

(*a*) whether any accommodation in the establishment is provided inclusive of any meal or meals; and

(*b*) whether any increases or reductions are applicable to the scale of charges.

Where Value Added Tax is payable, in respect of any accommodation or services, the scale of charges shown for such accommodation or services must be expressed so as to be inclusive of Value Added Tax.

The display of charges must be in a conspicuous place at each reception area of the establishment or, if there is no reception area, at or near each public entrance so as to be visible by any person before or immediately after he enters it, However, if an establishment has no reception area and contains tourist accommodation which is so arranged that access may be gained thereto without passing through a specific public entrance, the display of charges is to be affixed to the interior of the entrance door of each individual tourist accommodation.

In addition to the information required by these Regulations, a display of charges may show other information provided it does not do so in such a way as to make it more difficult for the reader to discern the information so required.

Any person who fails to comply with these Regulations is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 of the standard scale.