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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST TRAFFIC

Registration of Guest Houses

REGULATIONS, DATED 15TH MARCH 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 34 OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1948.

The Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 11 and 34 of the Development of Tourist Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and on the recommendation of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Registration of Catering Establishments (Guest Houses) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1968.

Qualifications for registration of Guest Houses

2. A catering establishment shall not be registered in the register of guest houses established and maintained under Part II of the Act unless in the opinion of the Board it provides a suitably balanced pattern of services for the reception, accommodation and comfort of visitors and in particular unless

(*a*) the premises are of substantial and permanent construction and in good repair;

(*b*) the premises are exclusively or primarily used for the lodging of travellers or sojourners in private rooms or apartments, and for the provision and service of meals and refreshments to travellers or sojourners at reasonable fixed hours;

(*c*) the premises are of suitable design for guest house purposes;

(*d*) the sleeping accommodation in the premises is provided by separate bedrooms of reasonably adequate size, with proper ventilation, heating, and lighting, not less than three quarters of the total number of such bedrooms having hot and cold running water;

(*e*) the toilet facilities including bathrooms and flush lavatories are adequate for the number of persons that can be lodged in the premises;

(*f*) the premises contain separate lounge and separate dining room accommodation for the exclusive use of visitors or otherwise contain adequate provision for their refreshment and comfort;

(*g*) the premises contain adequate and properly ventilated kitchen and larder space and culinary facilities;

(*h*) the premises are adequately furnished and equipped and generally conform to modern standards of cleanliness, orderliness, water supply, sewage disposal and ventilation;

(a) 1948. c. 4.

(*i*) so far as the Board can reasonably ascertain the premises comply with the requirements of all public health and fire prevention regulations for the time being applicable thereto;

(*j*) the business is under the management of a person or persons reasonably competent in the management of a guest house.

Construction and Revocation

3.—(1) These Regulations shall be construed as one with the Registration of Catering Establishments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(**b**).

(2) Regulation 3 of those Regulations is hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 15th day of March 1968.

(L.S.) *W. L. Robinson,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Regulations but indicates their general purport.*)

The Regulations amend requirements for registration of premises as guest houses in the register of guest houses maintained by the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

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As this Order has been classified as local it is not printed at length in this volume. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading GAS.

(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953, No. 24.