1978 No. 179

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST TRAFFIC

Catering Establishments (Self-Catering) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *27th June* 1978

Coming into operation . . . *1st September* 1978

The Department(**a**) of Commerce in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 11, 13 and 34 of the Development of Tourist Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") as amended by Article 3 of the Development of Tourist Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1977(**c**) and of every other power 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 Catering Establishments (Self-Catering) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1978.

Qualifications for registration of Self-Catering Establishments

2. The Board shall not register a catering establishment in the Register of Self-Catering Establishments established and maintained under Part II of the Act unless in its opinion:

(*a*) the premises are of suitable design for self-catering purposes and comprise one or more units each providing—

(i) adequate sleeping accommodation for at least four adults in two or more bedrooms equipped with adequate ventilation and lighting;

(ii) adequate bathroom and toilet facilities equipped with flush water closet, wash hand basin, bath or shower, shaver socket, mirror, toiletries cupboard and towel rail;

(iii) an adequate clothes airing cupboard;

(iv) adequate lounge and dining facilities;

(v) adequate and properly ventilated kitchen area equipped with a cooker, an oven, storage cupboard, sink unit, work tops, refrigerator, and hot and drinking water supply;

(vi) adequate storage facilities for clothing, bed linen and other household articles;

(*b*) the premises are of substantial and permanent construction, in good repair, and any access roads, paths, gardens and surrounding areas are adequately maintained;

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

(**a**) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(**b**) 1948 c. 4 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.I. 1977/2153 (N.I. 24)

(*d*) the premises comply with the statutory requirements for the time being in force relating to public health, office and shop premises and the prevention of fire;

(*e*) the business is under the management of a person or persons capable of the efficient management and supervision of self-catering operations;

(*f*) adequate weekly servicing is provided to maintain the premises in a clean and orderly condition;

(*g*) a unit or units are available for letting during 1 April to 30 September and 3 other months in any one year.

Amendment

3. At the end of the Schedule to the Catering Establishments (Registration Certificates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(**a**) there shall be added the following form of certificate:

"

NORTHERN IRELAND TOURIST BOARD

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION IN THE REGISTER OF SELF-CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

I certify that the [Name and location of Self-Catering Establishment]
(Proprietor: [Name and Address])
has been registered in the Register of Self-Catering Establishments for the year ending 31st March 19....."

Construction

4. These regulations may be construed as one with the Registration of Catering Establishments Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953(**b**).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 27th day of June 1978.

(L.S.) *J. D. Thompson*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the qualifications for registration of self-catering establishments. They also amend the Catering Establishments (Registration Certificates) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1953 by providing for the form of certificate to be used in respect of the registration of self-catering establishments.

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953 No. 25 (p. 420)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1953 No. 24 (p. 412)