1988 No. 203

LICENSING

The Licensing (Requirements for Accommodation for Guests) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*7th June 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*11th July 1988*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 28(2A) of the Licensing Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the concurrence of the Department of Economic Development hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Licensing (Requirements for Accommodation for Guests) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 11th July 1988.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Licensing Act (Northern Ireland) 1971;

"accommodation" means accommodation for guests which is provided under section 28(2)(*d*)(iii)(**c**) of the Act (ancillary businesses permitted to be carried on in a public house); and

"public house" means premises licensed under section 3(1)(*a*) of the Act.

Requirements to which accommodation must conform

2. The requirements to which the accommodation must conform are that—

(*a*) it consists of not less than 3 bedrooms available for the purpose of letting;

(*b*) breakfast and, on request, an evening meal are provided for guests at reasonable hours on the premises;

(*c*) separate lounge and separate dining-room accommodation is set apart for the exclusive use of guests;

(*d*) a room, which may be either the lounge or the dining-room accommodation mentioned in (*c*), but which is other than a bedroom, is set apart for the exclusive use of guests and is used or intended to be used for—

(**a**) 1971 c. 13 (N.I.) as amended by the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 (S.I. 1987/1277 (N.I. 13)); section 28(2A) was inserted by Art. 4(1)(*b*) of that Order

(**b**) *See* Art. 5 of and Sch. 2 to S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504; and Art. 5 of and Sch. 1 to S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6)

(**c**) As inserted by Art. 4(1)(*a*)(iii) of S.I. 1987/1277 (N.I. 13)

(i) the supply to and consumption by them of beverages, including intoxicating liquor; and

(ii) the consumption of such liquor outside the permitted hours, as provided by section 47(*a*)(**a**) of the Act;

(*e*) at least one separate toilet with hand washing facilities and one room containing a bath or shower are available for the exclusive use of guests;

(*f*) there must be displayed in a prominent position—

(i) on the outside of the public house a sign indicating that the premises are registered for the accommodation of guests; and

(ii) at or near the principal entrance to that public house a legible notice setting out the current prices payable for accommodation per night and, where appropriate, stating what, if any, service charge, value added tax and meals are included in the stated prices; and

(*g*) the accommodation must be managed by and under the continuous supervision of the holder of the licence for that public house or his servant or agent, which person shall have separate sleeping accommodation on those premises.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 7th June 1988.

(L.S.) *R. McMurray*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Economic Development hereby concurs with the foregoing Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Economic Development on 7th June 1988.

(L.S.) *M. A. Warnock*
Assistant Secretary

(a) As amended by Art. 4(2) of S.I. 1987/1277 (N.I. 13)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations set out the requirements to which accommodation for guests provided in public houses must conform.

These requirements relate to the minimum number of bedrooms available for letting, the provision of meals, the availability of a lounge, a dining-room, a room where drinks can be consumed, and toilet facilities for the exclusive use of guests, the display of a sign and a notice relating to the accommodation, and to its management and supervision.

Section 28(2A) of the Licensing Act (Northern Ireland) 1971, as inserted by Article 4(1)(*b*) of the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 is the enabling provision under which these regulations are made. It is brought into operation on 1st July 1988 by the Licensing (1987 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988. (S.R. 1988 No. 202 (C. 7)).