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PUBLIC HEALTH

The Tobacco Retailer (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*9th September 2026*
Coming into operation	*29th October 2026*

The Department of Health(**a**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(2), 8(5), 12(7) and 24(3) of the Tobacco Retailers Act (Northern Ireland) 2014(**b**).

Citation and Commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Tobacco Retailer (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), these Regulations shall come into operation on 29th October 2026.

(3) Regulation 3(2)(b) comes into operation on 1st January 2027.

Amendment of the Tobacco Retailer (Registration and Display of Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

2.—(1) The Tobacco Retailer (Registration and Display of Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**c**) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 1—

(a) in section 3 (Premises details), after "Please specify _____" insert—

"**Type of products sold**
Tick all boxes that apply

Tobacco Products ☐

Vaping Products ☐

Nicotine Products ☐"

(b) in section 4 (Declaration)—

(**a**) Formerly the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (see 2016 c. 5)
(**b**) 2014 c. 4 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. 2016 No. 97

(i) for "tobacco" substitute "tobacco products, herbal smoking products, vaping products, nicotine products or cigarette papers";

(ii) in the return postal address, for "Tobacco Register NI" substitute "The Northern Ireland Tobacco, Vape and Nicotine Retail Register";

(iii) in the email address, for "tobaccoregister" substitute "nitvnretailregister".

(c) in section 5 (Additional premises sheet), after "Please specify _____" insert—

"**Type of products sold**
Tick all boxes that apply

Tobacco Products ☐

Vaping Products ☐

Nicotine Products ☐"

(3) In Schedule 2—

(a) in the heading of the notice, omit "Tobacco";

(b) in paragraph 2 of the notice, for "Tobacco" substitute "tobacco products, herbal smoking products, vaping products, nicotine products".

Amendment of the Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

3.—(1) The Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016(**a**) are amended as follows.

(2) In the Schedule (fixed penalty notice)—

(a) in Parts 1 and 2, omit "/the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016";

(b) in Parts 1 and 2, omit "/Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991".

(c) in Part 3, in paragraph 5, after "cheque,", insert "online or electronic payment,".

Revocation

4. The Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021(**b**) are revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health on 9th September 2026

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(**a**) S.R. 2016 No. 98, amended by S.R. 2021 No. 326
(**b**) S.R. 2021 No. 326

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend The Tobacco Retailer (Registration and Display of Notices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 so that they apply to tobacco products, herbal smoking products, vaping products, nicotine products and cigarette papers. They also amend the return postal address and email address for the Tobacco Register NI to reflect the updated contact details.

These Regulations also amend The Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (General) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 to amend the form of a fixed penalty notice and which may be issued in respect of offences as listed under section 12(1) of the Tobacco Retailers Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Regulation 4 revokes The Tobacco Retailer (Fixed Penalty) (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 (SR 2021 No.326) as the amendments contained in those Regulations are now superseded.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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