

**SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE
GIBRALTAR GAZETTE**
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TRANSPORT ACT 1998

**TAXIS (CITY SERVICE AND CRUISE TERMINAL)
REGULATIONS 1999**

**TAXIS (CITY SERVICE AND CRUISE TERMINAL)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 69(1) of the Transport Act 1998 the Minister has made the following Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Taxis (City Service and Cruise Terminal) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of publication.

Amendments to the Taxis (City Service and Cruise Terminal) Regulations 1999.

3.(1) The Taxis (City Service and Cruise Terminal) Regulations 1999 (“the Regulations”) are amended in accordance with this regulation.

(2) After the definition of “cruise terminal” in regulation 2 of the Regulations insert the following definitions-

““taxi authority” means the person or entity designated as such under regulation 2A;

“Gibraltar taxi service” means a central dispatch for taxis and private hire vehicles, in part responsible for receiving bookings for a taxi from the general public and assigning such bookings to a taxi driver; and”.

(3) After regulation 2 in the Regulations insert the following-

“Taxi authority.

- 2A.(1) For the purposes of these Regulations there shall be established a taxi authority.
- (2) The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Department is appointed as the taxi authority referred to in subregulation (1).
- (3) The taxi authority shall be responsible for monitoring, supervising and ensuring the functioning of the Gibraltar taxi service and for this purpose shall inspect the Global Positioning Data received from the Gibraltar taxi service.

Gibraltar taxi service.

- 2B.(1) For the purposes of these Regulations there shall be established a Gibraltar taxi service.
- (2) The Gibraltar Taxi Association is appointed as the Gibraltar taxi service referred to in subregulation (1).
- (3) Subject to subregulation (6), the Gibraltar taxi service shall administer a call out service for-
- (a) all taxi drivers other than a taxi driver undertaking a Rock Tour; and
- (b) private hire vehicles.
- (4) The Gibraltar taxi service shall make use of the Global Positioning System data in the running of the Gibraltar taxi service.
- (5) The Gibraltar taxi service shall provide the information received from the taxi driver’s Global Positioning System, referred to in regulation 2C, to the taxi authority.
- (6) The operation of the call out service referred to in subregulation (3) shall be at the discretion of the Gibraltar taxi service.

Global Positioning System.

- 2C.(1) Each taxi licenced in accordance with the Act shall be monitored and coordinated by the Gibraltar taxi service, with the use of Global Positioning System technology.
- (2) Each taxi licenced in accordance with the Act shall be equipped with a functional Global Positioning System transmitter as specified by the Transport Commission.
- (3) A taxi driver shall provide the information output produced by the Global Positioning System referred to in subregulation (2) to the Gibraltar taxi service.”.

(4) In regulation 3(7) of the Regulations-

- (a) delete “or” in subregulation (7)(d);
- (b) insert “or” after the semicolon in subregulation (7)(e); and
- (c) insert the following after subregulation (7)(e)-
- “(f) fails to operate a functional Global Positioning System transmitter, as referred to in regulation 2C.”.

Dated 9th February, 2017.

P J BALBAN,
Minister with responsibility for Transport.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations introduce on a legislative footing a taxi authority and a Gibraltar taxi service, the latter is in part responsible for the allocation of bookings.