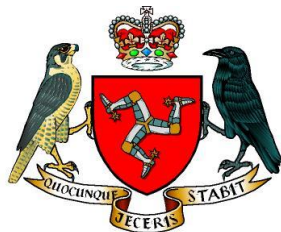




Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED NON-RESIDENT TRADERS (LICENCE FEES) REGULATIONS 2015

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES



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1. Introduction

The consultation document was produced to invite comment on proposed increases to the fees payable to the Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading (OFT) for the issuing of Non-Resident Traders licences.

It was proposed that with effect from 1st August 2015, the full fee for selling goods not directly connected with a certified tourist event will be increased from £2,220 to £2,310 for the first 3 days for which the licence is valid, and from £335 to £350 for each succeeding consecutive day; and for non-resident traders visiting the Island intending to sell any goods directly related to certified tourist events from £450 to £470 for the duration of the event concerned.

The licence fees were last increased in August 2013.

2. The Consultation Exercise

The consultation exercise ran from 7th April 2015 to 15th May 2015 and was distributed to the following:

- Tynwald Members
- Attorney General
- Local Authorities
- Chief Officers of Government Departments, Boards and Offices
- Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce
- Isle of Man Law Society
- Previous Regular Licence Holders

The document was also made available in the 'Consultations' section of the Isle of Man Government and Office of Fair Trading websites.

3. The Responses

A total of 4 responses were received; a list of respondents is attached at Appendix 1 and a detailed summary of those responses is attached at Appendix 2.

4. Conclusion

Following the consultation exercise and further consideration, the OFT agreed the fees be increased as proposed.

The increase in fees was made by Regulations in Tynwald at its sitting in July 2015, and approved. The Regulations will come into force on 1 August 2015.

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF RESPONDENTS

Douglas Borough Council
Marown Parish Commissioners
Manx National Heritage
Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce

APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Douglas Borough Council

"As the proposals are simply to increase fees in line with inflation, and there is no proposal to change the effect of the Regulations, the Council is content to support the proposals".

Marown Commissioners

"No comment".

Manx National Heritage

"Having reviewed your document and considering the proposed changes please find detailed below the main conclusions reached by Manx National Heritage as follows:-

- a) The main non-resident traders licence fee that would impact on ourselves would be for the non-resident traders visiting the island directly related to our certified tourist events such as the re-enactments undertaken and as such the increase of £20 is not significant to deter them, however, the actual current fee of £450 or increased fee of £470 in addition to other overheads arising may be a deterrent in itself particularly to the smaller traders who also have to account for significant other costs, including travel and accommodation.*
- b) One option we would propose may be if possible the introduction of a turnover threshold at which such a fee would apply and if possible an exemption level to ensure small traders were not discouraged".*

OFT Response

Whilst the OFT can see the issue that even the reduced tourist event licence fee could be expensive for traders with a very low turnover, it would be impractical to introduce a fee scale based on sales value.

Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce

"No comment".