

Explanatory Memorandum to Tynwald Members

Issued by the Department of Home Affairs

To the Hon Clare Christian, President of Tynwald and the Hon Council and Keys in Tynwald assembled

1. Title of measure

Fire Precautions (Houses in Multiple Occupation and Flats) Regulations 2016 [*SD 2016/0218*].

2. Changes in policy

None.

3. Effects of the measure

The measure will replace the Fire Precautions (Flats) Regulations 1996 [*SD 0222/1996*] in order to update the provisions relating to fire safety precautions in flats and buildings containing flats. In addition, this measure applies fire safety precautions to houses in multiple occupation and buildings which contain houses in multiple occupation (HMOs).

This measure ensures fire safety standards agreed at the building control stage are maintained, and appropriate precautions taken against the risk of fire in flats, HMOs and buildings containing such properties.

4. Reasons for the measure

The main reasons are to bring fire safety legislation in relation to flats up to date and, for the first time, to make fire safety provision for houses in multiple occupation, or buildings containing both flats and houses in multiple occupancy.

5. Resource implications

None.

6. Tynwald procedure

Tynwald approval is required by paragraph 14 of Schedule 8 to the Fire Precautions Act 1975.

Signed 

on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs