

SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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TAXIS (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 69 of the Transport Act 1998, and all other enabling powers, the Minister has made these Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Taxis (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2025.

Commencement.

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

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

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

(2) In regulation 1, in subregulation (1) for “Taxis (City Service and Cruise Terminal) Regulations 1999” substitute “Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999”.

(3) In regulation 2, insert the following new definition before the definition of “city service”-

““airport service” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 5;”.

(4) Insert the following new regulation following regulation 4-

“Airport service.

5.(1) The Gibraltar taxi service shall ensure that a minimum of five private hire vehicles are stationed at the Gibraltar International Airport taxi rank for the scheduled arrival of all inbound commercial flights into Gibraltar.

(2) The private hire vehicles mentioned in subregulation (1) shall remain available for passenger hire for a period of not less than one and a half hours following the scheduled arrival time of each inbound commercial flight into Gibraltar.

(3) The airport service described in subregulations (1) and (2) shall be fulfilled exclusively by private hire vehicles provided by the Gibraltar taxi service.

- (4) All private hire vehicles assigned to the airport service shall bear clearly visible distinguishing signs or markings on the body of the vehicle, identifying them as designated airport service vehicles.
- (5) The Commission shall prepare and introduce a roster for the purposes of indicating on which days a private hire vehicle shall operate the airport service.
- (6) The roster described in subregulation (5) shall be displayed at the offices of the Commission and may be amended from time to time by the Commission as they may direct in writing.
- (7) Nothing in this regulation shall prevent any other taxi from also offering an airport service.
- (8) Failure by a driver of a private hire vehicle who has been licenced to provide the airport service to –
 - (a) ensure that the private hire vehicle designated to carry out the airport service bears the required distinguishing signs or markings;
 - (b) refuses to accept, without reasonable cause, a passenger who wishes to travel to another point within Gibraltar from the Gibraltar airport terminal;
 - (c) provide the airport service as stipulated in this regulation; or
 - (d) comply with any instructions given to him or her by a Transport Inspector in respect of how and where the airport service is to be provided,shall cause the Gibraltar taxi service to be liable to an offence pursuant to regulations 67(8) (in the case of subregulations (8)(c) or (d)), 99A(4) (in the case of subregulations (8)(a) or (b)) and 126 and Part 1 of Schedule 3 of the Transport Regulations 2000.
- (9) Pursuant to the Transport Act, the Commission may revoke or suspend the road service licence of the driver of a private hire vehicle who refuses to carry out the airport service.
- (10) For the purposes of sub regulation (8)(b), “reasonable cause” for refusing to accept a passenger includes, by way of example–
 - (a) the passenger is drunk, disorderly, abusive or otherwise not in a fit state to be carried;
 - (b) the passenger appears unable to pay the potential fare and refuses to show that he or she has enough money with him or her;
 - (c) the driver is beginning or going to another hiring; or

- (d) the request by the passenger would place the driver in contravention of the provisions of the Act or the conditions of his or her licence.”.

Amendment to the Transport Regulations 2000.

4.(1) The Transport Regulations 2000 are amended in accordance with the provisions of this regulation.

(2) In Regulation 67-

(a) insert the following subregulation after subregulation (4)-

“(4A) For the purposes of operating the Airport Service, the Gibraltar Taxi Service, appointed under the Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999), shall ensure that the requirements of subregulation (5) are observed.”;

(b) in subregulation (5)(b) for “.” substitute “or a private hire vehicle shall operate an airport service.”;

(c) in subregulation (7), for “A person” substitute “Subject to subregulation (8), a person”;

(d) insert the following subregulation after subregulation (7)-

“(8) A person who contravenes subregulation (4A) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine up to level 2 on the standard scale.”.

(3) In regulation 99, insert the following subregulation after subregulation (2)-

“(3) This regulation does not apply to private hiring vehicles fulfilling their duties whilst on airport service set out under the Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999.”.

(4) Insert the following regulation after regulation 99-

“Airport Service Requirements.

99A.(1) For the purposes of operating the Airport Service, the Gibraltar Taxi Service, appointed under the Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999), shall ensure that the requirements of subregulations (2) and (3) are observed.

(2) Every private hire vehicle operating the Airport Service shall have distinguishing signs or markings approved by the Commission affixed to each front door of the private hire vehicle operating the airport service as the Commission may require.

(3) A driver of a private hire vehicle who has been licensed to provide the airport service shall not refuse to accept, without reasonable cause, a passenger who wishes to travel to another point within Gibraltar from the Gibraltar airport terminal.

(4) A person who contravenes this regulation is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine on summary conviction up to level 2 on the standard scale.”.

(5) In Schedule 3, in the table –

(a) in the entry beginning 67(5)(a) after “A taxi driver” insert “or a driver of a private hire vehicle operating the airport service”;

(b) insert the following entry after the entry beginning “67(5)(b)”-

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67(8)	Contravening regulation 67(4A) whilst operating the Airport Service.	200
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(c) insert the following entries after the entry beginning “99”-

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99A(2)	Every private hire vehicle operating the Airport Service shall have distinguishing signs or markings approved by the Commission affixed to each front door of the private hire vehicle operating the airport service as the Commission may require.	200
99A(3)	A driver of a private hire vehicle who has been licensed to provide the airport service shall not refuse to accept, without reasonable cause, a passenger who wishes to travel to another point within Gibraltar from the Gibraltar airport terminal.	200

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Dated: 10th April 2025.

PROF. J CORTES,
Minister with responsibility for Transport.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Taxis (City Service and Cruise Terminal) Regulations 1999 for the purposes of instituting a mandatory airport service and connected offences in respect thereof.