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Update – Smoking in Public Places

Introduction

From October 1 2012 the requirements for “No Smoking” signs in England are to be relaxed. The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007 have been revoked and replaced with the Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2012.

Before 1 October 2012

The 2007 Regulations required that signs displayed on smoke free premises had to be A5 size. The signs also had to contain:

- The standard no smoking symbol
- The text “No smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises”.

Signage had to be displayed in each entrance to smoke free premises and had to be displayed in each enclosed compartment of smoke free vehicles, including vehicles used for work and those used by the public.

From 1 October 2012

The 2012 Regulations require at least one legible no-smoking sign to be displayed in a smoke free premises or vehicle. The position of the sign will be at the discretion of anyone with management responsibilities. There is no minimum size requirement.

Conclusion

This de-regulation will be welcomed by businesses and is a clear indication that the smoking ban has been a great success, both in terms of business uptake and public acceptance.

This briefing note is not intended to be an exhaustive statement of the law and should not be relied on as legal advice to be applied to any particular set of circumstances. Instead, it is intended to act as a brief introductory view of some of the legal considerations relevant to the subject in question.

The remainder of the 2007 Regulations will continue to apply.

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