

Technical requirements for taximeters

Background to the regulation and its legal basis

On 16 April 2021, the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency issued the Regulation on the technical requirements for taximeters (TRAFICOM/423523/03.04.03.00/2020), which entered into force on 1 September 2021.

The Regulation, currently in effect, lays down the technical requirements for taximeters.

On 3 October 2024, the Ministry of Transport and Communications launched a legislative project on taxi services in accordance with the Government Programme (Government Bill to Amend the Transport Services Act, VN/25768/2024, LVM038:00/2024), the objective of which is to reinforce consumer confidence in taxi services, promote the availability of taxis, consider the various customer groups throughout Finland, and enhance the supervision of taxi services and combat the shadow economy.

The current draft amendment proposes to make the taximeter mandatory for all vehicles used for taxi services. These vehicles would be required to have taximeters that meet the requirements of the Measuring Instruments Act. The Government Bill also includes proposed changes to the penalty regulations concerning licensees who do not comply with the taximeter requirements.

In this project, the necessary amendments would be made to the current regulation, which arise from the proposed amendments to the Act on Transport Services (320/2017) and the Vehicle Act (82/2021).

The regulatory authority is based on the Act on Transport Services.

In accordance with section 15a(1) of the Act on Transport Services, a licence holder providing passenger transport shall be responsible for ensuring that a taximeter complying with the requirements of the Measuring Instruments Act (707/2011) is used in a vehicle used to provide a taxi service and that the taximeter collects, for each journey, at least the following data in electronic form: (1) identification of the business; (2) identification of the vehicle; (3) identification of the driver; (4) date, time, length and duration of the journey; (5) price and method of payment for the journey.

In accordance with subsection 3, the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency may issue further technical provisions on the taximeter and the storage of the collected data.

Furthermore, in accordance with section 13(7) of the Vehicles Act, a taximeter meeting the requirements of the Measuring Instruments Act (707/2011) shall be installed in a vehicle used to provide taxi services.

Drafting of the regulation

The regulation was drafted by the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency. A notification of the start of the project to draft the regulation was posted on the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency's website and also sent by email to subscribers to the mailing list for the drafting of new road transport regulations.

Written opinions on the draft Regulation have been requested to be issued during the period from 4 March 2026 to 15 April 2026. The request for opinions was posted on the Finnish consultation service lausuntopalvelu.fi. In addition, the request for opinions was sent by email to subscribers to the mailing list for the drafting of new road

transport regulations. Stakeholders and citizens have also had the opportunity to comment on the project as the preparation progresses.

The finalised Regulation will be published in Finlex and on the website of the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency. Notification of the issuance of the regulation will be posted on the Finnish Transport and Communications Agency's website and also sent by email to subscribers to the mailing list for the drafting of new road transport regulations.

The draft regulation was notified according to the notification procedure for technical regulations (Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council).

Feedback

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Assessment of the impact of the regulation

The regulation aims to clarify the legal situation and support the practical application of law by ensuring that regulations are up to date and accurate.

Detailed rationale

Chapter 1 Purpose and scope of the Regulation

Chapter 1, covering the purpose and scope of the Regulation, would be updated by adding both the scope of the provision and references to the legal basis and the background of the matter. The aim is to clarify the regulatory framework under which the technical requirements for taximeters will be laid down to the reader.

An informative reference to Section 15a(1) of the Transport Services Act (320/2017) and Section 13(7) of the Vehicles Act (82/2021) would be added in the beginning of the Regulation, according to which a taximeter meeting the requirements of the Measuring Instruments Act (707/2011) must be installed in a vehicle used for taxi services.

In addition, a reference to the regulatory authority granted to the Transport and Communications Agency would be added to the Regulation.

This Regulation would then be applied to taximeters used in accordance with the Transport Services Act and the Vehicles Act.

Chapter 2 Technical requirements for taximeters

There would be no changes to the technical requirements for taximeters. The chapter would instead consider the legal basis for the technical requirements for taximeters in greater detail by amending the reference to the requirements of the Measuring Instruments Directive to identify, in addition to the Measuring Instruments Act, the lower level of regulation by which the Measuring Instruments Directive has been implemented into Finland's national legislation. In addition, some linguistic amendments that have no impact on the content are made to this chapter.

The Finnish translation of the Measuring Instruments Directive and the title of Annex IX to the Measuring Instruments Directive use disparate terms for a taximeter compared to national legislation. Therefore, the Regulation stipulates that the taximeter referred to in national legislation shall meet the requirements for a taximeter laid down in the Measuring Instruments Directive. For example, the requirement for CE marking is laid down in the Measuring Instruments Directive.

Chapter 3 Entry into force

The Regulation is intended to enter into force at the same time as the legislative amendments to delegated regulations on 1 February 2027.