

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning (Safety Abroad) Bill

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Require companies offering or marketing holiday accommodation in other countries to British citizens to undertake specified health and safety measures in relation to carbon monoxide emissions; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Requirement on those offering or marketing overseas holiday accommodation

- (1) A person (“A”) is guilty of an offence if, in the course of a business, A publishes, or procures the publication of, an advertisement or notification offering or marketing holiday accommodation outside the United Kingdom to persons within the United Kingdom in a newspaper, periodical, magazine, flyer, poster or via the internet which does not meet the requirements of subsection (2). 5
- (2) The requirements of this subsection are that A has taken reasonable steps to be satisfied that—
- (a) the holiday accommodation is equipped with a carbon monoxide alarm fitted in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendation; and 10
- (b) checks have been made by or on behalf of the owner of the accommodation in accordance with the legislative requirements in force in the country in which the accommodation is located and in accordance with the manufacturer’s recommendation that each alarm remains in proper working order. 15
- (3) Where the holiday accommodation meets the requirements of subsection (2) the advertisement or notification at subsection (1) must include a declaration to this effect in the following wording: “The accommodation contains a carbon monoxide alarm (or alarms) which meet the requirements of [name of country] law and the manufacturer’s recommendation.”. 20
- (4) In this section “holiday accommodation” means accommodation used for an extended period of recreation or for holiday vacations and where the accommodation consists—

- (a) of a house, flat, cottage, chalet or similar building, or self-contained part of a building, which ordinarily affords the facilities required for day-to-day existence including facilities to enable those staying in the accommodation to prepare their own meals; and
- (b) where heating, lighting or cooking facilities are provided by at least one appliance using gas, oil, coal or wood as fuel. 5

2 Penalties

A person guilty of an offence under section 1 shall be liable to a fine.

3 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Carbon Monoxide Poisoning (Safety Abroad) Act 2017. 10
- (2) This section comes into force on the day on which this Act is passed.
- (3) All other sections shall come into force six months after the day on which this Act is passed.
- (4) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 15

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Presented by Michael Tomlinson.

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