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PART 4

MEANING OF "CARAVAN"

Meaning of "caravan" in this Act

15.—(1) In this Act "caravan" means any structure designed or adapted for human habitation which is capable of being moved from one place to another (whether by being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer) and any motor vehicle so designed or adapted, but does not include—

(a) any railway rolling stock which is for the time being on rails forming part of a railway system for the time being in use as such;

(b) any tent; or

(c) a structure—

(i) which falls within subsection (2); and

(ii) any dimensions of which, when the structure is assembled, exceed a limit specified in subsection (3).

(2) A structure falls within this subsection if it is—

(a) composed of not more than two sections separately constructed and designed to be assembled on a site by means of bolts, clamps or other devices; and

(b) when assembled, physically capable of being moved by road from one place to another (whether by being towed, or by being transported on a motor vehicle or trailer).

(3) The limits referred to in subsection (1)(c)(ii) are—

(a) length (exclusive of any drawbar): 20 metres;

(b) width: 6.8 metres;

(c) overall height of living accommodation (measured internally from the floor at the lowest level to the ceiling at the highest level): 3.05 metres.

(4) A structure which falls within subsection (2) is not excluded from being a caravan by reason only that when assembled it cannot lawfully be moved from one place to another on a road.

(5) The Department of the Environment may by order, after consultation with such persons or bodies as appear to it to be concerned, substitute for any figure mentioned in subsection (3) such other figure as may be specified in the order.

(6) An order under subsection (5) is subject to negative resolution.

Definition of "caravan" in Caravans Act

16. In section 25 of the Caravans Act (interpretation) for the definition of "caravan" substitute—

> ""caravan" has the meaning given by section 15 of the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 2011;".