#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 1997 No. 276 (N.I. 2)

### NORTHERN IRELAND

The Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997

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# THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1997

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- 1. (1) The Department shall comply with paragraphs 2 and 3...
- 2. The Department shall consult such persons as the Department considers...
- 3. (1) The Department shall publish a notice including the particulars...
- 4. Before making a traffic regulation order, the Department may hold...
- 5. The Department may make a traffic regulation order with or...
- 6. (1) Where the Department makes a traffic regulation order, it...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEMES

- 1. In this Schedule—(a) "scheme" means an experimental traffic control...
- 2. The Department shall comply with paragraphs 3 and 4 before...
- 3. The Department shall consult such persons as the Department considers...
- 4. (1) The Department shall publish in a newspaper circulating in...
- 5. Before making a scheme, the Department may hold a public...
- 6. The Department may make a scheme with or without omissions...
- 7. (1) Where the Department makes a scheme, it shall—
- 8. Paragraph 7 shall have effect in relation to the making...
- 9. Where under Article 5(5) the Department directs that a scheme...
- 10. (1) Where under Article 5(8) the Department directs in a...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION

- 1. Where the Department imposes or proposes to impose restrictions or...
- 2. The Department shall publish in a newspaper circulating in the...
- 3. Where any restrictions or prohibitions imposed under Article 7 on...
- 4. Where the Department publishes a notice under paragraph 2 specifying...
- 5. Where, under Article 7(7), the Department directs that a provision...

#### SCHEDULE 4 — ORDERS UNDER ARTICLE 10, 13 OR 15

- 1. The Department shall comply with paragraphs 2 and 3 before...
- 2. The Department shall consult such persons as the Department considers...
- 3. (1) The Department shall publish in a newspaper circulating in...
- 4. Before making an order under Article 10, 13 or 15,...
- 5. The Department may make an order under Article 10, 13...
- 6. Where the Department makes an order under Article 10, 13...
- 7. (1) Where the department makes an order under Article 13...

#### SCHEDULE 5 — ORDERS UNDER ARTICLE 36(3)(a), 37 OR 38

- 1. The Department shall comply with paragraphs 2 and 3 before...
- 2. The Department shall consult such persons as it considers appropriate....
- 3. (1) The Department shall publish a notice including the particulars...
- 4. Before making an order under Article 36(3)(a), 37 or 38,...
- 5. The Department may make an order under Article 36(3)(a), 37...
- 6. Where the Department makes an order under Article 36(3)(a), 37...

#### SCHEDULE 6 — INQUIRIES

- 1. (1) Where the Department decides to hold an inquiry under...
- 2. (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), all persons interested...

# SCHEDULE 7 — ENTRIES TO BE INSERTED IN PART I OF SCHEDULE 1 TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENDERS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1996

#### SCHEDULE 8 — AMENDMENTS

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1. In section 66 (safety arrangements at level crossings)—

The Land Acquisition and Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 1973 (NI 21)

2. In Article 22(7) (sound-proofing of buildings affected by public works),...

The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 53)

3. In section 14(1)(b), for "Article 21 or 107 of the...

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 1)

- 4. In Article 2(2) (interpretation), in the definition of "the Road...
- 5. In Article 120 (employment of traffic wardens for purposes of...
- 6. (1) In Article 177 (identification of drivers or owners of,...
- 7. In Article 198(1) (offences to which Articles 199 to 204...
- 8. In Article 214(1) (application to the Crown), after "regulation" insert...

The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (NI 11)

9. In Article 100 (orders extinguishing right to use vehicle on...

The Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 1)

10. In Schedule 4 (other powers, etc., of licence holders), in...

The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (NI 15)

- 11. In Article 5(1)(e) (diversion of navigable watercourses), for "Article 104(1)...
- 12. In Article 24(2)(b) (exercise of road functions by concessionaire), for...
- 13. In Article 25 (provisions as to traffic regulation)—
- 14. In Article 65(6) (road humps and other traffic calming works),...
- 15. In Article 110(2)(b)(iii) (acquisition of land), for "Article 104(1) of...

The Litter (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (NI 10)

16. In Article 8 (roads: supplementary provisions)—(a) in paragraph (2),...

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 18)

- 17. In Article 2(2) (interpretation)— (a) in the definition of "the...
- 18. For Article 49 (contravention of traffic directions or traffic signs)...
- 19. For Article 50 (traffic directions for purposes of traffic surveys)...
- 20. In Article 76 (inspection of public passenger vehicles and goods...

The Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (NI 19)

- 21. In Article 2(2) (general interpretation), in the definition of "traffic"...
- 22. In Article 5(1)(b) (works for road purposes), for "65" substitute...
- 23. In Article 36(1) (liability for cost of temporary traffic regulation),...

The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 10)

- 24. In Article 2(2) (interpretation), in the definition of "the Road...
- 25. In Article 5(4) (requirement of warning etc. of prosecutions for...
- 26. In Article 15(a) (proof in summary proceedings of identity of...
- 27. In Article 23(2) (speeding offences etc.: admissibility of certain evidence)
- 28. In Article 90(1) (functions of traffic wardens), for "Article 118...
- 29. In Part I of Schedule 1 (prosecution and punishment of...

SCHEDULE 9 — REPEALS

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**Explanatory Note**