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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2018 No. 89**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Public Service Vehicles (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018**

*Made* - - - - *13th April 2018*  
*Coming into operation* *20th May 2018*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(1)</sup> makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 66(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981<sup>(2)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(3)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018 and shall come into operation on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Amendment of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland)**

2.—(1) The Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985<sup>(4)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 9 (re-inspection of vehicle)—

- (a) in paragraph (3) after “appointed by the Department” insert “no later than 60 days from the date of notification of refusal”; and
- (b) in paragraph (5) after “appointed by the Department” insert “no later than 60 days from the date of notification of refusal”.

(3) For Schedule 3 (items included in inspection) substitute the Schedule to these Regulations.

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(1) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment is dissolved  
(2) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)  
(3) See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76)  
(4) S.R. 1985 No. 123 relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2000 No. 149, S.R. 2001 No. 366 and S.R. 2009 No. 72

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018



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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(3)

“SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 6(6)

Items Included in Inspection

<b>1. BRAKING SYSTEMS</b>
(1) Service brakes
(a)mechanical condition
(b)efficiency
(c)balance
(d)vacuum pump and compressor
(e)antilock braking system
(2) Parking brake
(a)mechanical condition
(b)efficiency
<b>2. STEERING AND STEERING WHEEL</b>
(1) Mechanical condition
(2) Steering wheel
(3) Steering play
<b>3. VISIBILITY</b>
(1) Windscreen wipers
(2) Windscreen washers
<b>4. LAMPS, REFLECTORS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT</b>
(1) Main and dipped beam headlamps
(a)condition and operation
(b)alignment
(c)switches
(d)visual efficiency
(2) Side lamps
(a)condition and operation
(b)colour and visual efficiency
(3) Stop lamps
(a)condition and operation

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(b)colour and visual efficiency
(4) Direction-indicator lamps
(a)condition and operation
(b)colour and visual efficiency
(c)switches
(d)flashing frequency
(5) Rear fog lamps
(a)position
(b)condition and operation
(c)colour and visual efficiency
(6) Front fog lamps
(a)position
(b)condition and operation
(c)colour and visual efficiency
(7) Reversing lamps
(8) Daytime running lamps
(9) Reflex reflectors-condition and colour
(10) Tell-tales - trafficators
(11) Electrical wiring
(12) Hazard warning signals
(13) Side markers lamps, unless a vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their personal effects
(14) End outline marker lamps
<b>5. AXLES, WHEELS, TYRES SUSPENSION</b>
(1) Axels
(2) Wheels and tyres
(3) Suspension
<b>6. CHASSIS AND CHASSIS ATTACHMENTS</b>
(1) Chassis or frame attachments
(a)general condition
(b)exhaust pipe and silencers
(c)fuel tank and pipes

(2) Cab and bodywork
(a) general condition
(b) mounting
(c) doors and locks
(d) floor
(e) driver's seat
(f) steps and rails
(g) vehicle dimensions
<b>7. OTHER EQUIPMENT</b>
(1) Audible warning device
(2) Speedometer
(3) Supplementary restraint systems
(4) Electronic stability control systems
(5) Fire extinguisher
(6) Seatbelts
(7) Wheelchair equipment
<b>8. NUISANCE</b>
(1) Check exhaust system for leaks
(2) Exhaust emissions
<b>9. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION</b>
(1) Registration number plates
<b>10. BODY AND INTERIOR</b>
(1) Emergency Exit
(2) Heating system
(3) Ventilation system
(4) Seating layout
(5) Interior lighting
(6) Tachographs"

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 (“the 1985 Regulations”) to give effect to the requirements of [Directive 2014/45/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 on the periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailer.

These Regulations amend regulation 9 (re-inspection of vehicle) of the 1985 Regulations to prescribe a limit on the time for retesting follow an initial test failure.

These Regulations also amend Schedule 3 (items included in inspection) of the 1985 Regulations to include reference to front fog lamps, reversing lamps and daytime running lamps as items to be inspected.

An Explanatory Memorandum and Transposition Note have been produced and are available from the Safe and Sustainable Travel Division, Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 8GB or online alongside these Regulations at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>.