
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2994

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

PART I INTRODUCTORY

General interpretation

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954^{F1} shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(2) In this Order—

“carriage of goods” includes the haulage of goods;

“carriageway” means a way constituted or comprised in a road being a way over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles;

“constable” does not include a member of the Naval, Military or Royal Air Force Police;

“cycle” means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having 4 or more wheels, not being in any case a motor vehicle;

“the Department” means the Department of the Environment;

“driver”, where a separate person acts as a steersman of a motor vehicle, includes that person as well as any other person engaged in the driving of the vehicle;

“enactment” includes any order, regulation, rule, bye-law or other instrument made under a statutory provision;

“footpath” means a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only, not being a footway or a part of a road;

“footway” means a way comprised in a road which also comprises a carriageway, being a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only;

“goods” includes goods or burden of any description;

“goods vehicle” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods, or a trailer so constructed or adapted;

“international road haulage permit” means a licence, permit, authorisation or other document issued in pursuance of a Community instrument relating to the carriage of goods by road between member States or an international agreement to which the United Kingdom is a party and which relates to the international carriage of goods by road;

[^{F2}“the Offenders Order” means the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996]

“the Order of 1981” means the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981^{F3};

[^{F4}“the Order of 2007” means the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007;]

“owner”, in relation to a vehicle which is the subject of a hiring or hire-purchase agreement, means the person in possession of the vehicle under that agreement;

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“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;

“public path” and “public right of way” have the same meaning as in the Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983^{F5};

“public road” includes any part of a public road and any bridge or tunnel over or through which a public road passes;

“road” includes a public road and any street, carriageway, highway or roadway to which the public has access;

“the Road Traffic Orders” means this Order^{F6} the Order of 1981^{F7} . . . the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997^{F8}^{F9} . . . the Order of 2007^{F10} and the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008];

“statutory provision” has the meaning assigned to it by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954^{F11};

^{F12}“taxi” has the same meaning as in the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;]

“traffic” includes the passage of animals on a road;

“traffic sign”^{F6} has the meaning assigned to it by Article 28 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997]

“trolley vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle adapted for use without rails under power transmitted to the vehicle from some external source (whether or not there is in addition a source of power on board the vehicle).

(3) References in this Order to a class of vehicles are to be interpreted as references to a class defined or described by reference to any characteristics of the vehicles or to any other circumstances whatsoever, and accordingly as authorising the use of “category” to indicate a class of vehicles, however defined or described.

F1 1954 c.33 (NI)

F2 1996 NI 10

F3 1981 NI 1

F4 Art. 2(2): definition of "the Order of 2007" inserted (27.6.2007) by [Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 86(1), **Sch. 7 para. 9(a)**; S.R. 2007/302, **art. 2**, Sch.

F5 1983 NI 18

F6 1997 NI 2

F7 Word in art. 2(2) in definition of "the Road Traffic Orders" omitted (27.6.2007) by virtue of [Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 86(1), **Sch. 7 para. 9(b)(i)**; S.R. 2007/302, **art. 2**, Sch.

F8 Word in art. 2(2) in definition of "the Road Traffic Orders" omitted (23.11.2009) by virtue of [Taxis Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 58(1), 59, **Sch. 2 para. 6(a)(i)**; S.R. 2009/352, **art. 2**, Sch.

F9 Words in art. 2(2) in definition of "the Road Traffic Orders" inserted (27.6.2007) by [Road Traffic \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/916 \(N.I. 10\)\)](#), arts. 1(3), 86(1), **Sch. 7 para. 9(b)(ii)**; S.R. 2007/302, **art. 2**, Sch.

F10 Words in art. 2(2) in definition of "the Road Traffic Orders" added (23.11.2009) by [Taxis Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), ss. 58(1), 59, **Sch. 2 para. 6(a)(ii)**; S.R. 2009/352, **art. 2**, Sch.

F11 1954 c.33 (NI)

F12 Words in art. 2(2) inserted (31.5.2016) by [Taxis Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2008 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 59, **Sch. 2 para. 6(b)**; S.R. 2015/389, art. 2(3), Sch. Pt. 3

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by [1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 para.26](#)
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 13A inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 2\(3\)](#)
- art. 17(8)(b)(v) and word added by [2008 c. 4 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 7\(b\)](#)
- art. 17D(1B) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 17D(2)(aa) substituted for word by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 17D(2A)(a) substituted for words by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- art. 17D(2A)(b) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- art. 55(2)(m) inserted by [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I.\) art. 54\(1\)](#)
- art. 110(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 22\(b\)](#)