

1980 No. 173

ROAD AND RAILWAY TRANSPORT

The Road Freight Transport Licensing (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1980

Made 29th May 1980

Coming into operation 1st July 1980

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 45(i) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a) and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Road Freight Transport Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

(2) In these regulations “maximum gross weight”, in relation to a motor vehicle or trailer, means the weight of the vehicle laden with the heaviest load which it is constructed or adapted to carry.

Amendment of regulations

2.—(1) In regulation 2(i) of the Road Freight Transport Licensing (Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(c) for the phrase “unladen weight” where it twice occurs there shall be substituted the phrase “maximum gross weight”. For the phrase “thirty hundredweight” where it twice occurs there shall be substituted the phrase “3.5 tonnes”.

(2) The Road Freight Transport Licensing (Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974(d) shall be amended as follows:—

For regulation 5 there shall be substituted:—

“A motor vehicle which is authorised under section 60 of the Transport Act 1968 to carry goods for hire or reward in Great Britain and which is being used in Northern Ireland to carry goods—

(a) which are not picked up and set down in Northern Ireland; or

(b) pursuant to and in accordance with the requirements of any Community obligation or any agreement relating to the international carriage of goods by road which has been applied to Northern Ireland;

shall be exempt from the provisions of section 17(2) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 29th May 1980.

(L.S.)

E. A. Simpson

Assistant Secretary

(a) 1967 c. 37 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 4 (II, p. 2992)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970 No. 296 (p. 1388)

(d) S.R. 1974 No. 210 (I, p. 910)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations amend the weight limits of vehicles exempt from licensing requirements from thirty hundredweight unladen weight to 3.5 tonnes gross vehicle weight as contained in the Road Freight Transport Licensing (Exemption) Regulations 1970.

They also amend the Road Freight Transport Licensing (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 so that Great Britain operators hauling goods for reward in transit through Northern Ireland or into or out of Northern Ireland are exempted from the requirement to hold Northern Ireland road freight vehicle licences.