## 1991 No. 32 (C. 3)

# **ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

## Road Traffic (Amendment) (1991 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . 8th February 1991

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1(2) of the Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(**a**) and paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Order:

#### Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) (1991 Order) (Commencement No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991.

#### Commencement

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of Articles 1 to 6, 8 and 9 and Schedules 1 to 5 of the Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 shall be 1st April 1991.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 8th February 1991.

(L.S.)

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Assistant Secretary

(a) S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3)

(b) 1974 c. 28

### (This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation on 1st April 1991 Articles 1 to 6, 8 and 9 and Schedules 1 to 5 of the Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 which amends the law relating to road traffic in Northern Ireland.

(1) Article 3 and Schedule 1 substitute a new Part II of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 containing general provisions with respect to driver licensing.

(2) Article 4 abolishes the requirements for additional licences for the drivers of public service vehicles and heavy goods vehicles. Schedule 2 lays down requirements applying to existing holders of such licences.

(3) Article 5 and Part I of Schedule 3 introduce as new Articles 70 to 79 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 special provisions governing the licensing of drivers of goods vehicles and passenger-carrying vehicles supplemental to the requirements of Part II of that Order.

(4) Article 6 and Part II of Schedule 3 make provision with respect to the licensing of taxis.

(5) Article 8 makes fresh provision with respect to offences arising out of driving, or being in charge of, a motor vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs.

(6) Article 9 makes minor and consequential amendments and repeals.