STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1997 No. 518

Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- **1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 and shall come into operation on 12th January 1998.
- (2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(1).

Amendment of regulation 35 (audible warning instruments)

- **2.** In regulation 35(5) of the principal Regulations, after paragraph (h) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
 - "(i) used as a cardiac response vehicle, being a vehicle used only for the purposes of transporting medical or nursing personnel and equipment to cardiac incidents.".

Amendments to Schedule 9A (exemptions relating to combined transport operations)

- **3.**—(1) Schedule 9A to the principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).
 - (2) In paragraph 9(1)—
 - (a) in the definition of "loading unit" after the words "bi-modal vehicle" there shall be inserted ", road-rail semi-trailer";
 - (b) after paragraph (b) of the definition of "railhead" there shall be inserted—
 - (c) road-rail semi-trailers from the ground onto railway vehicles on the track of a railway,"; and
 - (c) after the definition of "relevant receptacle" there shall be inserted the following definition—

""road-rail semi-trailer" means a semi-trailer constructed or adapted so as to be capable of being both used as a semi-trailer on roads and carried on a railway vehicle;".

- (3) In paragraph 9(3)—
 - (a) the word "and" after paragraph (a) shall be omitted; and
 - (b) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) there shall be inserted—

"; and

- (c) a road-rail semi-trailer shall be regarded as being transported by railway in a relevant manner if and only if it is being carried on a railway vehicle which forms part of a train.".
- (4) After paragraph 9(4) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—
 - "(5) A road-rail semi-trailer shall be regarded, for the purposes of this Schedule, as not being transported by railway in a relevant manner at any time when it is being carried on a railway vehicle as part of an articulated vehicle."

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