STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 295

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment (Exemptions and Supplementary Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made	-	-	-	-	28th June 1999
Coming into operation					9th August 1999

The Department of the Environment, being a Department designated(1) for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the regulation of the type, description, construction or equipment of vehicles and in the regulation and supervision of working conditions of persons involved in road transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment (Exemptions and Supplementary Provisions) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 9th August 1999.

Exemptions for vehicles used by health and social services bodies

2.—(1) In paragraph 2(1) of the Schedule to the Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment (Exemptions and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**3**) (exempted vehicles), for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

- "(a) a health and social services body—
 - (i) to provide ambulance services and services for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness, expectant or nursing mothers or other persons for whom such transport is reasonably required; or
 - (ii) to carry staff, patients, medical supplies or equipment,

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1972/1811 and S.I. 1975/1707

⁽**2**) 1972 c. 68

⁽³⁾ S.R. 1987 No. 218, as amended by S.R. 1988 No. 297

in pursuance of its duties under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(4), the Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) Order 1990(5) or the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(6);".

(2) In paragraph 2(2) of that Schedule, after the definition of "harbour" and "harbour authority" there shall be inserted the following definition—

""health and social services body" means-

- (a) a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;
- (b) the Agency established under Article 26(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;
- (c) a special agency established under Article 3(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Special Agencies) (Northern Ireland) 1990; or
- (d) a Health and Social Services trust established under Article 10(1) of the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on

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28th June 1999.

J. Ritchie Assistant Secretary

⁽**4**) S.I. 1972/1265 (N.I. 14)

⁽⁵⁾ S.I. 1990/247 (N.I. 3)
(6) S.I. 1991/194 (N.I. 1)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Community Drivers' Hours and Recording Equipment (Exemptions and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 ("the Principal Regulations") by extending the exemptions from the provisions of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 of 20th December 1985 (O.J. No. L370, 31.12.85, p. 1) on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport to include vehicles used by certain health and social services bodies.