
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 454

**Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Part II

Construction, Equipment and Maintenance of Vehicles

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Wheels, Springs, Tyres and Tracks

Wheel loads

28.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) this regulation applies to—

- (a) a semi-trailer with more than 2 wheels;
- (b) a track-laying vehicle with more than 2 wheels; and
- (c) any other vehicle with more than 4 wheels.

(2) This regulation does not apply to a road roller.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a vehicle to which this regulation applies shall be fitted with a compensating arrangement which ensures that under the most adverse conditions every wheel remains in contact with the road and is not subject to abnormal variations of load.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply in respect of a steerable wheel on which the load does not exceed—

- (a) if it is a wheeled vehicle, 3,560 kg; and
- (b) if it is a track-laying vehicle, 2,540 kg.

(5) In the application of paragraph (3) to an agricultural motor vehicle, wheels which are in line transversely on one side of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle shall be regarded as one wheel.