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

Tyres

- **29.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), wheels of vehicles of a class specified in an item in column 2 of the Table shall be fitted with tyres of a type specified in that item in column 3 which complies with any conditions specified in that item in column 4.
- (2) The requirements referred to in paragraph (1) do not apply to road rollers and are subject, in the case of any item in the Table, to the exemptions specified in that item in column 5.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4) a wheel of a vehicle may not be fitted with a temporary use spare tyre unless either—
 - (a) the vehicle is a passenger vehicle (not being a bus) first used before 1st August 1990; or
 - (b) the vehicle complies at the time of its first use with ECE Regulation 64 or Community Directive 92/23.
- (4) Paragraph (3) does not apply to a vehicle constructed or assembled by a person not ordinarily engaged in the trade or business of manufacturing vehicles of that description.

TABLE

(regulation 29(1))				
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Item	Class of vehicle	Type of tyre	Conditions	Exemptions
1.	Locomotives not falling in item 6	Pneumatic or resilient		
2.	Motor tractors not falling in item 6 of a vehicle with an unladen weight of less than 2,540 kg unless the diameter of the rim of the wheel	Pneumatic or resilient	No re-cut pneumatic tyre shall be fitted to any wheel	

(1) Item	(2) Class of vehicle	(3) Type of tyre	(4) Conditions	(5) Exemptions
	is at least 405 mm.			
3.	Heavy motor cars not falling in item 6	Pneumatic		The following, if every wheel not fitted with a pneumatic tyre is fitted with a resilient tyre— (a) a vehicle mainly used for work on rough ground; (b) a tower wagon; (c) a vehicle fitted with a turn-table fire escape; (d) a refuse vehicle; (e) a works truck; (f) a vehicle first used before 3rd January 1933.
4.	Motor cars not falling in item 6.	Pneumatic	No re-cut tyre shall be fitted to any wheel of a vehicle unless it is— (a) an electrically propelled goods vehicle, or (b) a goods vehicle with an unladen weight of at least 2,540 kg and the diameter of the rim of the wheel is at least 405 mm	The following, if every wheel not fitted with a pneumatic tyre is fitted with a resilient tyre— (a) a vehicle mainly used for work on rough ground; (b) a refuse vehicle; (c) a works truck; (d) a vehicle with an unladen weight not exceeding— (i) 1,270 kg if

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Item	Class of vehicle	Type of tyre	Conditions	Exemptions
				electrically propelled; (ii) 1,020 kg in any other case;
				(e) a tower
				wagon; (f) a vehicle
				fitted with a turn-table
				fire escape; (g) a vehicle
				first used before 3rd January 1933.
5.	Motor cycles	Pneumatic	No re-cut tyre shall be fitted	The following, if every wheel not fitted with a pneumatic tyre is fitted with a resilient tyre— (a) a works truck; (b) a pedestrian-controlled vehicle.
6.	Agricultural motor vehicles which are not driven at more than 20 mph	Pneumatic or resilient	The same as for item 2	The requirement in column 3 does not apply to a vehicle of which— (a) every steering wheel is fitted with a smooth-soled tyre which is not less than 60 mm wide
				where it touches the road; and (b) in the case of a wheeled

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Item	Class of vehicle	Type of tyre	Conditions	Exemption	ıs
				vehic	le,
				every	
				drivii	ng
				whee	
				fitted	
				a smo	
				soled	tyre
				which	
					is not
					less
					than
					150
					mm
					wide
					if the
					unlader
					weight of the
					vehicle
					exceeds
					3,050
					kg,
					or 76
					mm
					wide
					in any
					other
					case,
					and
					either
				(ii)	is
					shod
					with
					diagona
					cross-
					bars
					not
					less
					than
					76
					mm
					wide
					or more
					than
					20
					mm
					thick
					extendi
					the

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	
Item	Class of vehicle	Type of tyre	Conditions	Exemptio	
					breadth
					of the
					tyre and so
					arranged
					that
					the
					space
					between
					adjacent
					bars
					is not
					more
					than
					76
					mm;
					or
				(iii)	is
					shod
					with
					diagonal
					cross-
					bars of
					resilient
					material
					not
					less than
					60
					mm
					wide
					extending
					the
					full
					breadth
					of the
					tyre
					and so
					arranged
					that
					the
					space
					between
					adjacent
					bars
					is not
					more
					than
					76
					mm.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Item	Class of vehicle	Type of tyre	Conditions	Exemptions
				(iii) a trailer drawn

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				by
				a
				heavy
				moto
				car
				every
				whee
				of
				which
				is
				not .
				requi
				to
				be su
				fitted with
				a
				pneur
				tyre;
				(iv) a
				broke
				down
				vehic
				or
				(v) a
				traile
				draw
				by
				a
				vehic
				which
				is
				not
				a
				heavy
				moto
				car
				or
				a
				moto
				car.