#### STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 1999 No. 454

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

## Part I

## **Preliminary**

## **Application and exemptions**

- **3.**—(1) These Regulations apply to both wheeled vehicles and track-laying vehicles.
- (2) Where a provision is applied by these Regulations to a motor vehicle first used on or after a specified date it does not apply to that vehicle if it was manufactured at least six months before that date.
- (3) Where an exemption from, or relaxation of, a provision is applied by these Regulations to a motor vehicle first used before a specified date it shall also apply to a motor vehicle first used on or after that date if it was manufactured at least six months before that date.
- (4) The regulations specified in an item in column 3 of the Table do not apply in respect of a vehicle of a class specified in that item in column 2.

#### **TABLE**

(regulation 3(4))		
(1)	(2)	(3)
Item	Class of vehicle	Regulations which do not apply
1	A vehicle proceeding to a port for export.	The regulations in Part II insofar as they relate to construction and equipment, except regulations 21 (insofar as it concerns parking brakes) 26, 35, 39, 44, 62. Regulations 79 to 85.
2	A vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident abroad, provided that the vehicle complies in every respect with the requirements relating to motor vehicles or trailers contained in—	The regulations in Part II insofar as they relate to construction and equipment except regulations 6, 7, 9, 10, 49 and 62. Regulations 79 to 85.

as it concerns parking brakes),

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Item	Class of vehicle	Regulations which do not apply
	(a) Article 21 and Article 22(1) of the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on 19th September 1949(1) and Part I, Part II (insofar as it relates to direction indicators and stop lights) and Part III of Annex 6 to that Convention; or (b) paragraphs 1, III and VIII of Article 3 of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris on 24th April 1926(2).	
3	A vehicle manufactured in the United Kingdom which complies with the requirements referred to in item 2 and contained in the said Convention of 1949, or, as the case may be, 1926 referred to in that item as if the vehicle had been brought temporarily into Northern Ireland and either—  (a) car tax on it is remitted or repaid under section 7(1) or (2), or a waiver is made under section 7(3), of the Car Tax Act 1983(3); or  (b) its supply is zero rated under regulation 56 or 57 of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1985(4).	The regulations in Part II insofar as they relate to construction and equipment, except regulations 6, 7, 9, and 49. Regulations 79 to 85.
4	A vehicle in the service of a visiting force or of a headquarters.	The regulations in Part II insofar as they relate to construction and equipment, except regulations 21 (insofar

<sup>(1)</sup> Cmnd. 7997 (2) Treaty Series, No. 11 (1930) (3) 1983 c. 53 (4) S. I. 1985/886

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(2) Class of vehicle	(3)
	Regulations which do not apply
	62, 74. Regulations 79 to 91 and 108.
A vehicle which has been submitted for a test or an examination under Articles 61, 75 and 76 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, while it is being used on a road in connection with the carrying out of that test or examination and is being so used by a person who is empowered under that Article to carry out that test or examination, or by a person acting under the direction of a person so empowered.	The regulations in Part II. Regulations 87 to 91 and 115.
A motor car or a motor cycle in respect of which a certificate has been issued by the Officer in Charge of the National Collections of Road Transport, the Science Museum, London SW7, that it was designed before 1st January 1905 and constructed before 31st December 1905.	Regulations 21 (except insofar as it applies requirements 3 and 6 in the Table in Schedule 2), 44(4), 76 and 114(4).
implement which is being drawn by a motor vehicle while it is not attached to any vehicle except the one drawing it if—  (i) the towing implement is not being so drawn during the hours of darkness, and  (ii) the vehicle by which it is being so drawn is not driven	The regulations in Part II insofar as they relate to the construction and equipment of trailers, except regulation 26.
	submitted for a test or an examination under Articles 61, 75 and 76 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, while it is being used on a road in connection with the carrying out of that test or examination and is being so used by a person who is empowered under that Article to carry out that test or examination, or by a person acting under the direction of a person so empowered.  A motor car or a motor cycle in respect of which a certificate has been issued by the Officer in Charge of the National Collections of Road Transport, the Science Museum, London SW7, that it was designed before 1st January 1905 and constructed before 31st December 1905.  (a) (a) A towing implement which is being drawn by a motor vehicle while it is not attached to any vehicle except the one drawing it if—  (i) the towing implement is not being so drawn during the hours of darkness, and (ii) the vehicle by which it is being so drawn

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Item	Class of vehicle	Regulations which do not apply
	exceeding 20 mph; or	
	(b) a vehicle which is being drawn by a motor vehicle in the exercise of a statutory power of removal.	

<sup>(5)</sup> Any reference to a broken down vehicle includes a reference to any towing implement which is being used for the drawing of such a vehicle.