EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Goods Vehicles (Testing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 ("the principal Regulations") by increasing the fees as follows –

    (1) For a vehicle 3,500 kilograms maximum gross weight or under—

        (a) the fee payable on application for a first test, a periodical test, a re-test or an appeal is increased from £25·00 to £28·00; and

        (b) the fee payable where an application for a re-test is made within 21 days from the date of service of a notice of refusal of a goods vehicle test certificate is increased from £16·00 to £17·50.

    (2) For vehicles exceeding 3,500 kilograms maximum gross weight –

        (a) the fee payable on application for a first test, a periodical test, a re-test or an appeal is increased as follows –

            (i) for a 2 axle rigid vehicle, from £32·00 to £35·00;

            (ii) for a 3 axle rigid vehicle, from £42·00 to £45·00;

            (iii) for a 4 axle rigid vehicle, from £53·00 to £56·00;

            (iv) for an articulated vehicle having a 2 axle drawing vehicle, from £36·00 to £39·00; and

            (v) for an articulated vehicle having a 3 axle drawing vehicle, from £48·00 to £51·00.

These Regulations further amend the principal Regulations by dividing the vehicle category trailer into 3 categories (previously 1 category) –

        (a) for trailers the previous single fee of £33·50 payable on application for a first test, a periodical test, a re-test or an appeal is now:

            (i) for a 1 axle trailer £32·50;

            (ii) for a 2 axle trailer £33·50;

            (iii) for a 3 axle trailer £34·50.

        (b) for all trailer categories the fee payable where an application for a re-test is made within 21 days from the date of service of a notice of refusal of a goods vehicle test certificate remains unchanged at £18·50.

The Goods Vehicles (Testing) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 are revoked as a consequence of these Regulations.