STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 247

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

Made - - - - 6th June 2006

Coming into operation 19th July 2006

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 61(1), 66(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(1).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 19th July 2006.

Amendment of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

2. In paragraph (6) of regulation 6 of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985(**2**)(inspection of vehicle and grant of licence), after the words "Conditions of Fitness Regulations" there shall be inserted "or in the case of a bus, the Conditions of Fitness Regulations or Directive 2001/85/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20th November 2001"(**3**).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 6th June 2006.

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⁽¹⁾ S.I.1981/154 (N.I. 1); see Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department"

⁽²⁾ S.R. 1985 No. 123; regulation 6 was substituted by S.R. 2000 No. 149 and amended by S.R. 2000 No. 328, S.R. 2001 No. 366, S.R. 2003 No. 40, S.R. 2003 No. 449 and S.R. 2004 No. 413

⁽³⁾ O.J. No. L42, 13.2.2002, p. 1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend regulation 6 of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 to include Directive 2001/85/EC (O.J. No. L42, 13.2.2002, p. 1) in the list of statutory requirements. This will allow buses to meet the requirements of the Directive as an alternative to the requirements of the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995.

Copies of the relevant EC Directives can be obtained from the TSO, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.