

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)*

These Regulations bring into force from 1st April, 1964, the provisions for the registration of homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled which are contained in Sections 9 to 13 of the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961; and should be read in conjunction with that enactment. Application forms and registers are prescribed in the First and Second Schedules. The Regulations also empower registration authorities to limit the numbers in homes, and require the manager of every home to provide suitable facilities and services. Failure to observe these requirements is made an offence against the Regulations. It should be noted that the registration authority for homes maintained by voluntary organisations is the Ministry, while that for private homes is the Welfare Authority for the area.

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## MOTOR VEHICLES: SPEED LIMIT ON SPECIAL ROADS

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH DECEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 4 AND 72 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955 AND SECTION 17(5) OF THE SPECIAL ROADS ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1963.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Sections 4 and 72 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(a) and Section 17(5) of the Special Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(b), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit on Special Roads) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.

(2) In these Regulations “special road” means

(a) a road or part of a road designated as a special road under Section 1 of the Special Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), and

(b) a trunk road or part of a trunk road to which the provisions of the Act apply by virtue of Section 8 thereof,

being a road or, as the case may be, a part of a road which (save as otherwise provided by or under Regulations made under Section 17 of the Act) may be used only by traffic of Classes I and II as set out in Schedule 3 of the Act and as for the time being varied by virtue of any Order made by the Ministry of Home Affairs under Section 16(3) of the Act.

(a) 1955. c. 27.

(b) 1963. c. 12 (N.I.).

*Speed Limit*

2. The speed at which a motor vehicle is driven on a special road shall not exceed the maximum speed specified in the Schedule for a motor vehicle of the class or description mentioned therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 11th day of December, 1963, in the presence of

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*J. W. E. Cathcart,*  
Assistant Secretary.

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SCHEDULE

**Limit of Speed**

<i>Class or Description of Vehicle</i>	<i>Maximum speed, miles per hour</i>
1. Motor vehicles when drawing a trailer (not being articulated vehicles) if the trailer has less than four wheels or is a close-coupled four-wheeled trailer .....	40

2. In this Schedule "articulated vehicle" means a vehicle with a trailer so attached to the drawing vehicle that part of the trailer is superimposed upon the drawing vehicle, and when the trailer is uniformly loaded not less than twenty per cent. of the weight of its load is borne by the drawing vehicle.

3. In this Schedule "close-coupled", in relation to a trailer, means that the wheels on the same side of the trailer are so fitted that at all times while it is in motion they remain parallel to the longitudinal axis of the trailer, and that the distance between the centres of their respective areas of contact with the road surface does not exceed thirty-three inches.

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These Regulations re-enact the existing provisions about speed limits on the Motorway and provide for their application to other lengths of Motorway subsequently to be opened.