STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 239

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Community Drivers' Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 1996

Made - - - - 8th February 1996
Laid before Parliament 8th February 1996
Coming into force - - 9th February 1996

The Secretary of State for Transport, being a Minister designated(1) for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(2) in relation to the regulation and supervision of the working conditions of persons engaged in road transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Community Drivers' Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 9th February 1996.
- 2. Pursuant to Article 13(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 of 20th December 1985 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport(3) until 18th February 1996 any time spent driving to meet exceptional circumstances occasioned by severe weather conditions in Great Britain or the effects or consequences of such exceptional circumstances shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the application of Articles 6, 8 or 9 of that Regulation.

Department of Transport 8th February 1996 Steven Norris
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for
Transport,

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1975/1707.

^{(2) 1972} c. 68.

⁽³⁾ OJ No. L370, 31.12.85, p. 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Article 13(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 of the 20th December 1985 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport provides that Member States may in urgent cases grant a temporary exception for a period not exceeding 30 days to transport operations carried out in exceptional circumstances. These Regulations provide that until 18th February 1996 any time spent driving in the exceptional circumstances occasioned by severe weather conditions in Great Britain or the effects or consequences of such exceptional circumstances shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the application of Articles 6, 8 and 9 of the Council Regulation.