
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2994

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Part III

Construction and Use of Vehicles and Equipment

Tests of vehicles other than goods vehicles to which Article 65 applies

Supplementary provisions about test certificates

64.—(1) For the purpose of spreading the work of issuing certificates in contemplation of a change in—

- (a) the length of the appropriate period; or
- (b) the length of the period specified in Article 63(2)(a) and (b),

(and whether for the purposes of that Article or Article 72), the order or, as the case may be, regulations changing the length of that period may be made so as to come into operation on different days as respects vehicles first registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994⁽¹⁾ or any earlier corresponding legislation at different times.

(2) Where—

- (a) within the appropriate period after a test certificate is issued or treated for the purposes of Article 63 as issued; but
- (b) not earlier than one month before the end of that period,

a further test certificate is issued as respects the same vehicle, the further certificate shall be treated for the purpose of that Article as if issued at the end of the appropriate period.

(3) Where the particulars contained in a test certificate in accordance with regulations made under Article 61 include a date of expiry falling later, but not more than one month later, than the end of the appropriate period after the date on which it is issued

- (a) the certificate shall be deemed to have been issued in respect of the same vehicle as an earlier test certificate; and
- (b) the date on which it was issued shall be deemed to have been a date falling within the last month of the appropriate period after the date on which that earlier certificate was issued or treated for the purposes of Article 63 as issued;

and any date of expiry contained in a test certificate shall be deemed to have been entered in accordance with regulations under Article 61 unless the contrary is proved.

(4) The Department may by regulations make provision for the issue, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, of a certificate of temporary exemption in respect of a public service vehicle adapted to carry more than 8 passengers, exempting that vehicle from the provisions of Article 63(1) for such period as may be specified in the certificate.

(1) 1994 c. 22.

- (5) In relation to any public service vehicle so adapted—
 - (a) paragraphs (2) and (3) shall have effect as if for “one month”(in both places) there were substituted “2 month”; and
 - (b) paragraph (3) shall have effect as if for “last month” there were substituted “last 2 months”.