#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# NORTHERN IRELAND

# The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

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# THE ROAD TRAFFIC (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1995

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- 35. Restrictions of carriage of persons on bicycles
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## Test of certain classes of goods vehicles

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76. Inspection of public passenger vehicles and goods vehicles

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- 1. (1) A person against whom proceedings are brought for an...
- 2. (1) Where—(a) it appears that an offence under Article...
- 3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, in any...
- 4. (1) An accused who in any proceedings for an offence...
- 5. In this Schedule, "equipment" means equipment to which Article 26...

# SCHEDULE 2 — PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT OF OFFENCES UNDER THIS ORDER

SCHEDULE 3 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

Part I — Amendments of the Order of 1981

- 1. (1) In Article 2 (interpretation), in paragraph (2)—
- 2. In Article 4 (exceptions to requirement that drivers of motor...
- 3. (1) In Article 19A (restrictions on newly qualified drivers and...
- 4. In Article 19D (interpretation of Part II)—
- 5. In Article 31A (approved of design, construction, etc. of motor...
- 6. In Article 58 (regulations), in paragraph (1),
- 7. In Article 80 (repayment of fees) for the words "Articles...
- 8. (1) In Article 88 (weighing of vehicles on harbour land),...
- 9. (1) In Article 89 (interpretation and transitional provisions relating to...
- 10. In Article 118 (employment of traffic wardens), in paragraph (2)...
- 11. (1) In Article 150 (use of specimens in proceedings)—
- 12. In Article 171 (vehicle causing obstruction)— (a) omit paragraph (1);...
- 13. In Article 172 (taking vehicle without owner's consent or authority),...

- 14. (1) In Article 174 (false statements in connection with forgery...
- 15. In Article 177 (identification of drivers, or owners of, and...
- 16. In Article 178 (identification of cyclists)— (a) omit the word...
- 17. In Article 179 (identification of pedestrians), in paragraph (1) for...
- 18. (1) In Article 180 (enforcement powers of constable) in paragraph...
- 19. (1) As from the day appointed under Article 1(2) of...
- 20. In Article 181 (power to arrest persons resident outside the...
- 21. In Article 184 (notice of intention to prosecute for certain...
- 22. In Articles 187(1), 188(1), 190(1), 191 and 192(1) for the...
- 23. (1) In Article 194 (provisions as to disqualification for applying...
- 24. In Article 196 (order of disqualification until test passed), in...
- 25. In Article 197 (provisions as to endorsements of licences), in...
- 26. (1) In Article 198 (offences which are punishable without prosecution)—...
- 27. (1) In Article 212 (application of Order to hovercraft and...
- 28. In Article 214 (application of Order to the Crown), in...
- 29. In Article 215 (application of Order in relation to harbour...
- 30. In Schedule 1 (statutory provisions conferring functions on authorised officers)—...
- 31. In Schedule 2 (statutory provisions relating to vehicles and their...
- 32. In Schedule 4 (table of offences, etc.)—

PART II — Other Amendments

Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (c. 37)

33. (1) In section 81 (interpretation of the Act) the existing...

Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 4)

34. In Article 34 (suspected offences in relation to motor vehicles)...

Fines and Penalties (Northern Ireland) Order 1984 (NI 3)

35. In Schedule 2 (fines not increased by the Order) for...

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

- 35. In Article 35 (limitations on police detention), in paragraph (7)...
- 37. In Article 37 (custody officers at police stations), in paragraph...
- 38. In Article 62 (intimate samples), for paragraph (11) substitute—
- 39. In Schedule 5 (serious arrestable offences), in Part II, omit...

Radioactive Materials (Road Transport) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (NI 2)

40. In Article 2(2) (definitions) in the definition of "inspector" for...

Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 (NI 15)

- 41. In Article 24 (exercise of road functions by concessionaire), in...
- 42. In Article 39 (restriction on access to toll roads), in...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1994 (NI 15)

43. (1) In Article 11 (power to deprive offenders of property...

SCHEDULE 4 — Repeals

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