
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000

Part I

Preliminary

Exceptions — vehicles towing or being towed

6.—(1) A motor vehicle first used before 24th January 1996 and a cycle or trailer manufactured before 24th January 1996 shall not be required by regulation 21 to be fitted with any rear position lamp, stop lamp, rear direction indicator, rear fog lamp or rear reflector whilst a trailer fitted with any such lamp or reflector is attached to its rear.

(2) A trailer manufactured before 24th January 1996 shall not be required by regulation 21 to be fitted with any front position lamp whilst being drawn by a passenger vehicle.

(3) A trailer shall not be required by regulation 21 to be fitted with any stop lamp whilst being drawn by a vehicle which is not required by regulation 21 to be fitted with any such lamp.

(4) Paragraph (3) shall apply respectively to rear fog lamps and direction indicators as it applies to stop lamps.

(5) A trailer manufactured before 24th January 1996 shall not be required by regulation 21 to be fitted with any stop lamp or direction indicator whilst being drawn by a motor vehicle fitted with one or two stop lamps and two or more direction indicators if the dimensions of the trailer are such that when the longitudinal axes of the drawing vehicle and the trailer lie in the same vertical plane such stop lamps and at least one direction indicator on each side of the vehicle are visible to an observer in that vertical plane from a point 6m behind the rear of the trailer whether it is loaded or not.

(6) Rear markings shall not be required to be fitted to any vehicle by regulation 21 if another vehicle in a combination of which it forms part would obscure any such marking.

(7) Where a broken-down vehicle is being drawn by another vehicle—

- (a) regulations 21 and 26 shall not apply to the broken-down vehicle between sunrise and sunset, and
- (b) between sunset and sunrise those regulations shall apply to the broken-down vehicle only in respect of rear position lamps and reflectors.

(8) The references in paragraphs (3) and (4) to a vehicle which is required to be fitted with a lamp shall be construed as if paragraph (1) did not have effect.