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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 261**

**The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**PART 3**

**OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS**

**Prescribed trade unions and associations**

**9.—(1)** The trade unions and associations specified in paragraph (2), being trade unions or associations whose members consist of or include persons holding licences or employees of any such persons, are prescribed as persons who may object as provided in section 11(2)(a), either as applied by section 18(2) or not.

(2) The trade unions and associations are—

- (a) The British Association of Removers;
- (b) The Freight Transport Association;
- (c) The General and Municipal Workers' Union;
- (d) The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers;
- (e) The Road Haulage Association;
- (f) The Transport and General Workers' Union;
- (g) The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers; and
- (h) The United Road Transport Union.

**Manner of making objections and representations**

**10.—(1)** For the purposes of sections 11(6)(b) and (7)(b) and 18(10), the manner of making an objection to, or representation against, an application is by delivering a document to the Department—

- (a) setting out the objection or representation as the case may be; and
- (b) signed—
  - (i) if made by an individual, by that person;
  - (ii) if made by a firm, by all the partners of that firm or by one of them with the authority of the others; or
  - (iii) if made by any other body or group of persons, by one or more individual persons authorised for that purpose by the body or group, or, in any of the above cases, by a solicitor acting on behalf of (as the case may be) the person, firm, body or group.

(2) A copy of the document delivered under paragraph (1) shall be sent by the objector, or the person making the representation, to the applicant on the same day as, or the next working day after, the delivery to the Department.

### **Time of making objections and representations**

**11.**—(1) The time within which an objection under section 11(1)(a) or (b) to an application for a licence must be made is the period commencing immediately after notice of the application is published under section 10(2) and ending 21 days after the date on which notice of the application is published in Applications and Decisions.

(2) The time within which a representation under section 11(4) in respect of an application for a licence must be made is the period of 21 days beginning with and including the date on which notice of the application is published under section 10(2).

(3) The time within which an objection under section 11(1)(a) as applied by section 16(6) or section 18(2) to or in respect of an application for a variation of a licence must be made is the period commencing immediately after notice of the application is published under section 17(3) (or, if none, the making of the application to which the objection relates) and ending 21 days after the date on which the notice of the application is published in Applications and Decisions.

(4) The time within which a representation under section 18(2) in respect of an application for a variation of a licence must be made is the period of 21 days beginning with and including the date on which the notice of the application is published under section 17(3).

### **Consideration of objections and representations**

**12.** The Department shall consider every objection and representation duly made in considering whether or not to hold an inquiry as provided in section 32.