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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2022 No.**

**The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

**PART 12**

**Amendment of the Goods Vehicles (Qualifications of Operators) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**Insertion of the Schedule (transitional provisions)**

**123.** Before the Explanatory Note insert—

“SCHEDULE

Regulation 1A

Transitional provisions

*Provisions relating to the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022*

**Application of paragraphs 2 to 4**

1. Paragraphs 2 to 4 apply for the purposes of applying for, or holding, a light goods vehicle licence.

**Department may exempt individual from professional competence requirement**

2. The Department may exempt an individual until the end of 20th May 2025 from the requirement under section 12A(3)(a)(i) of the 2010 Act or regulation 13A(1)(c) to be professionally competent if the Department is satisfied that the individual had, for ten years or more ending with 20th August 2020, continuously managed national or international transport operations as, for or on behalf of an undertaking that used only light goods vehicles.

**Applying for professional competence exemption**

3.—(1) An individual, or a person acting on behalf of an individual, may, on or before 20th May 2024, apply to the Department for an exemption.

(2) An individual (or person) who applies for an exemption must provide the Department with the information necessary for the Department to verify the individual’s management experience.

(3) The Department may, beginning with the day after the day on which the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 were made, treat as an application any information submitted to the Department by an individual, or a person acting on behalf of an individual, before that day.

### **Duration of professional competence exemption**

4. Despite regulation 11, the Department must regard as professionally competent until the end of 20th May 2025 an individual who is granted an exemption under paragraph 2.”.