
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 176

The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) Regulations 1993

PART II

ADULTS IN THE FRONT OR REAR OF A VEHICLE

Exemptions

- 6.—(1) The requirements of regulation 5 do not apply to—
- (a) a person holding a medical certificate;
 - (b) a person using a vehicle constructed or adapted for the delivery of goods or mail to consumers or addressees, as the case may be, while engaged in making local rounds of deliveries or collections;
 - (c) a person driving a vehicle while performing a manoeuvre which includes reversing;
 - (d) a qualified driver (within the meaning given by regulation 9 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1987⁽¹⁾) who is supervising the holder of a provisional licence (within the meaning of Part III of the Act) while that holder is performing a manoeuvre which includes reversing;
 - (e) a person by whom, as provided in the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1987, a test of competence to drive is being conducted and his wearing a seat belt would endanger himself or any other person;
 - (f) a person driving or riding in a vehicle while it is being used for fire brigade or police purposes or for carrying a person in lawful custody (a person who is being so carried being included in this exemption);
 - (g) the driver of—
 - (i) a licensed taxi while it is being used for seeking hire, or answering a call for hire, or carrying a passenger for hire, or
 - (ii) a private hire vehicle while it is being used to carry a passenger for hire;
 - (h) a person riding in a vehicle, being used under a trade licence, for the purpose of investigating or remedying a mechanical fault in the vehicle;
 - (j) a disabled person who is wearing a disabled person's belt; or
 - (k) a person riding in a vehicle while it is taking part in a procession organised by or on behalf of the Crown.
- (2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1)(k), the requirements of regulation 5 do not apply to a person riding in a vehicle which is taking part in a procession held to mark or commemorate an event if either—
- (a) the procession is one commonly or customarily held in the police area or areas in which it is being held, or

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1987/1378; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1990/1396.

- (b) notice in respect of the procession was given in accordance with section 11 of the Public Order Act 1986(2).
- (3) The requirements of regulation 5 do not apply to—
 - (a) a person driving a vehicle if the driver’s seat is not provided with an adult belt;
 - (b) a person riding in the front of a vehicle if no adult belt is available for him in the front of the vehicle;
 - (c) a person riding in the rear of a vehicle if no adult belt is available for him in the rear of the vehicle.