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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1993 No. 31**

**The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts  
by Children in Front Seats) Regulations 1993**

**Exemptions**

7.—(1) The prohibition in section 15(1) of the Act shall not apply in relation to—

- (a) a small child aged 3 years or more if a seat belt of a description prescribed by regulation 5 for a small child of his height and weight is not available for him in the front or rear of the vehicle and he is wearing an adult belt;
- (b) a child for whom there is a medical certificate;
- (c) a child aged under 1 year in a carry cot provided that the carry cot is restrained by straps;
- (d) a disabled child who is wearing a disabled person's belt; or
- (e) a child riding in a motor car first used before 1st January 1965 if—
  - (i) the vehicle has no rear seat, and
  - (ii) apart from the driver's seat, no seat in the vehicle is provided with a seat belt which is appropriate for that child,

and for the purposes of this paragraph, the date on which a vehicle is first used shall be determined in accordance with regulation 3(3) of the Construction and Use Regulations.

(2) The prohibition in section 15(1) of the Act shall not apply in relation to a child riding in a vehicle which—

- (a) is being used to provide a local service within the meaning of the Transport Act 1985(1); and
- (b) is neither a motor car nor a passenger car.

(3) The prohibition in section 15(1) of the Act shall not apply in relation to a large child if no appropriate seat belt is available for him in the front of the vehicle.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, a reference to a seat belt being available shall be construed in accordance with Schedule 2.