
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) Regulations 1990 (“the 1990 Regulations”).

Regulation 27(1) of the 1990 Regulations exempts certain types of vehicle from the provisions of both those regulations and Part IV of the Road Traffic Act 1988. Paragraph (1)(j) as originally in force exempted vehicles which were exempt from duty under section 7(1) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 (“the 1971 Act”) by virtue of the fact that they were not intended to be used on public roads for an aggregate distance exceeding 6 miles per week.

Section 7(1) of the 1971 Act was re-enacted as paragraph 21 of Schedule 2 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (“the 1994 Act”). Paragraph 21 was repealed by Part V of Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 1995 (c. 4) and the exemption thereby conferred was replaced by a new provision (inserted in Schedule 2 to the 1994 Act as paragraph 20A) exempting from duty agricultural, horticultural and forestry vehicles used on public roads for distances of no more than 1.5 kilometres at a time.

These regulations—

preserve the previous exemption under paragraph (1)(j) by replacing it with a provision exempting vehicles not used on public roads or used in circumstances similar to those which attracted exemption from duty under paragraph 21 of Schedule 2 to the 1994 Act,

insert a further provision exempting vehicles where they are exempt from duty under the new paragraph 20A of Schedule 2 to the 1994 Act, and

make minor amendments to paragraph 27 consequential on that change and on the repeal and re-enactment of definitions contained in the 1971 Act.