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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made	*24th May 2001*
Coming into operation . .	*8th June 2001*

The Department of the Environment, being a Department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the regulation and supervision of working conditions of persons engaged in road transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 8th June 2001.

Amendment of the Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

2. In regulation 3(1) (temporary exceptions) of the Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**c**) for the words "until 7th June" there shall be substituted "until 7th July 2001".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 24th May 2001.

(L.S.) *Sam Foster*
Minister of the Environment

(**a**) S.I. 1975/1707
(**b**) 1972 c. 68
(**c**) S.R. 2001 No. 154

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Article 13(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3820/85 of 20th December 1985 on harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport ("the Council Regulation") provides that member States may, after authorisation by the Commission, grant exceptions from the application of the provisions of that Regulation to transport operations carried out in exceptional circumstances.

These Regulations amend the Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 ("the principal Regulations") so as to extend the expiry date of the exceptions provided for in those Regulations for a further period of 30 days until 7th July 2001. The Commission has authorised the continuation of the temporary exception provided for by these Regulations.

The principal Regulations provided that until 7th June 2001, any time spent driving vehicles for the purposes specified in regulation 3(1) to meet the exceptional circumstances occasioned by the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Northern Ireland, or the effects or consequences of such exceptional circumstances, shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the application of Article 6(2) of the Council Regulation.

The principal Regulations also provided that in relation to the driving of such vehicles in the exceptional circumstances mentioned above, Articles 6(1) and 8(3) of the Council Regulation shall have effect subject to certain modifications.

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