1982 No. 335

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicle Testing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . *20th October 1982*

Coming into operation . . . *22nd November 1982*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 33(2) and (6), 34(5) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") 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 Motor Vehicle Testing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 22nd November 1982.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles Testing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975(**b**) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 2 immediately after the definition of "the Act" there shall be inserted—

> "'ambulance" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted, and primarily used, for the carriage of persons to a place where they will receive, or from a place where they have received, medical or dental treatment, and which, by reason of design, marking or equipment is readily identifiable as a vehicle so constructed or adapted;".

(2) For regulation 4(3) there shall be substituted—

> "(3) Where after testing the vehicle the Department is satisfied that it complies with the statutory requirements relating to the construction and condition of motor vehicles, their accessories and equipment, it shall issue a certificate.
>
> (3A) For the purposes of paragraph (3) the test shall include the items listed in Schedule 3 which are applicable to the vehicle being tested.".

(3) In regulation 12 for item (6) there shall be substituted—

> "(6) Vehicles provided for police or fire brigade purposes.".

(4) After Schedule 2 there shall be inserted—

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(**b**) S.R. 1975 No. 138 as amended by S.R. 1980 No. 323

"SCHEDULE 3 Regulation 4(3A)

Items included in test

1. BRAKING SYSTEMS

1.1 Service brake

1.1.1 Mechanical condition
1.1.2 Efficiency
1.1.3 Balance

1.2 Parking brake

1.2.1 Mechanical condition
1.2.2 Efficiency

2. STEERING AND STEERING WHEEL

2.1 Mechanical condition
2.2 Steering wheel
2.3 Steering play

3. VISIBILITY

3.1 Windscreen wipers
3.2 Screenwashers

4. LAMPS, REFLECTORS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

4.1 Main and dipped-beam

4.1.1 Condition and operation
4.1.2 Alignment
4.1.3 Switches
4.1.4 Visual efficiency

4.2 Side lamps

4.2.1 Condition and operation
4.2.2 Colour and visual efficiency

4.3 Stop lamps

4.3.1 Condition and operation
4.3.2 Colour and visual efficiency

4.4 Direction-indicator lamps

4.4.1 Condition and operation
4.4.2 Colour and visual efficiency
4.4.3 Switches
4.4.4 Flashing frequency

4.5 Rear fog lamps

4.5.1 Position
4.5.2 Condition and operation
4.5.3 Colour and visual efficiency

4.6 Reflex reflectors

— Condition and colour

4.7 Tell-tale — Trafficators

4.8 Electrical wiring

5. AXLES, WHEELS, TYRES, SUSPENSION
   - 5.1 Axles
   - 5.2 Wheels and tyres
   - 5.3 Suspension

6. CHASSIS AND CHASSIS ATTACHMENTS
   - 6.1 Chassis or frame and attachments
     - 6.1.1 General condition
     - 6.1.2 Exhaust pipe and silencers
     - 6.1.3 Fuel tanks and pipes
   - 6.2 Cab and bodywork
     - 6.2.1 General condition
     - 6.2.2 Mounting
     - 6.2.3 Doors and locks
     - 6.2.4 Floor
     - 6.2.5 Driver's seat
     - 6.2.6 Running boards

7. OTHER EQUIPMENT
   - 7.1 Safety belts
   - 7.2 Audible warning device
   - 7.3 Speedometer (presence of)

8. NUISANCE
   - 8.1 Check on exhaust system for leaks

9. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION
   - 9.1 Registration number plate''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 20th October 1982.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicle Testing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 ("the 1975 Regulations") as follows:—

1. The items required to be included in the vehicle inspection test for the purposes of Article 33 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 are specified (Regulation 2(2) and (4)).

2. The exemption for ambulances provided by Regulation 12(6) of the 1975 Regulations from the requirement to have a vehicle test certificate is removed (Regulation 2(3)).

This provision partly implements Council Directive 77/143/EEC (approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers (O.J. No. L47, 18.2.77 p. 47).