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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made	*29th March 1988*
Coming into operation . .	*8th April 1988*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 28(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 8th April 1988.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(**b**) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In the Table in regulation 84(2) (wheel and axle weights for certain vehicles) in column (2) of item 3 delete the words "where the relevant train weight shown on the plate of that vehicle exceeds 32520 kilograms".

(2) In Schedule 4 (permissible maximum weights, etc.) for item (*a*) in Part 1 there shall be substituted—

"(*a*) Two axled vehicles—

(i) where the distance between the axles is less than 2·65 metres and paragraph (ii) does not apply ... 14230

(ii) where the distance between the axles is less than 2·65 metres and—

(A) the vehicle is a trailer,

(B) the vehicle has two closely spaced axles,

(C) the distance between the foremost axle of the trailer and the rear axle of the motor vehicle by which it is drawn is at least 4·2 metres, and

(D) both the trailer and the motor vehicle by which it is drawn are vehicles to which regulation 80 applies ... 16260

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(b) S.R. 1976 No. 320; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 No. 62

(iii) except in a case mentioned in paragraph (iv) where the distance between the axles is at least 2·65 metres ... 16260

(iv) where the distance between the axles is at least 3 metres and the vehicle is a goods vehicle ... 17000

(v) where the distance between the axles is at least 3 metres and the vehicle is a trailer ... 18000";

(3) In Part II of Schedule 4 in column (5) of item 3 delete "(provided that the vehicle has a relevant train weight of more than 32520 kilograms).".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 29th March 1988.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 as follows:—

1. The provision in item 3 of the Table in regulation 84(2) that certain vehicles with two wheels in line transversely on the sole driving axle and with a relevant train weight of at least 32520 kgs may have a maximum weight of 10500 kgs is amended by removing from column 2 the said relevant train weight requirement (regulation 2(1)).

2. The provisions relating to permissible maximum weight for a two axled vehicle are extended by the introduction of a new paragraph (iv) in item (*a*) of Part 1 of Schedule 4. The new paragraph (iv) imposes a maximum permissible weight limit of 17000 kgs for goods vehicles not forming part of an articulated vehicle and where the distance between the axles is at least 3 metres (regulation 2(2)).

3. The proviso as to relevant train weight in column 5 of item 3 in Part II of Schedule 4 in relation to the permissible maximum weights for heavy motor cars and motor cars forming part of an articulated vehicle with at least 2·7 metres between the axles is removed (regulation 2(3)).