1985 No. 258

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made . . . . . *23rd September 1985*

Coming into operation . . . *1st November 1985*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 12(1), 18(*b*) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**b**) makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1985.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(**c**) shall be amended as follows:

(1) in regulation 27(2) for "6" there shall be substituted "6(1)"; and

(2) for regulation 28(1) there shall be substituted—

"*Australia, Barbados, Republic of Cyprus, Finland, Gibraltar, the territory of Hong Kong, Kenya, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the territory of the British Virgin Islands and Zimbabwe driving licence holders.*

28.—(1) The holder of an effective driving licence granted in Australia, Barbados, Republic of Cyprus, Finland, Gibraltar, the territory of Hong Kong, Kenya, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the territory of the British Virgin Islands or Zimbabwe who becomes resident in Northern Ireland shall be deemed to have passed the test enabling him to drive a vehicle of the class or description for which he holds that licence and, on surrender of it, may be granted a driving licence to drive a vehicle of that class or description.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 23rd September 1985.

(L.S.) *J. M. Irvine*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(**b**) Formerly the Department of Finance. *See* S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6).Art. 3
(**c**) S.R. 1981 No. 239 as amended by S.R. 1984 No. 400 and other amending instruments not relevant for the purpose

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves of regulation 2.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 23rd September 1985.

(L.S.) *D. W. Alexander*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations.)

These regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 by providing that a person who holds a Barbados, Republic of Cyprus, Finland, Malta, British Virgin Islands or Zimbabwe effective driving licence may, on surrender of it, and on payment of the prescribed fee, exchange such a licence for a Northern Ireland driving licence without passing a Northern Ireland driving test.