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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made	*4th June 1986*
Coming into operation . . .	*14th July 1986*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 18 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 (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 14th July 1986.

Regulations amended

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

(1) After regulation 12A(3) there shall be inserted—

"(4) A person shall not either by writing, drawing or in any other manner, alter, deface, mutilate or add anything to a licence and any licence so altered, defaced, mutilated or added to, shall be void.".

(2) In regulation 25 (effect of changes in classification of vehicles by reason of changed weight limit for motor tricycles)—

(*a*) for "17th August 1981" in paragraphs (1) and (2) there shall be substituted "the date of re-classification"; and

(*b*) for paragraph (3) there shall be substituted—

"(3) In this regulation references to "old group" and "new group" are references respectively to the group in question as constituted before and after the date of re-classification and "the date of re-classification" refers respectively to 17th August 1981 when the weight limit for motor tricycles in group C was increased to 425kg unladen and 14th July 1986 when that weight limit is increased to 450kg unladen.".

(3) In regulation 28—

(*a*) in the shoulder note, after "*Australia*," insert "*Austria*,", after "*Hong Kong*," insert "*Japan*," and delete "*Spain*";

(*b*) in paragraph (1), after "Australia," insert "Austria,", after "Hong Kong," insert "Japan," and delete "Spain", and

(*c*) after paragraph (3) there shall be inserted—

"(4) In paragraph (1) "effective driving licence" includes a licence granted in exchange for another licence only if that other licence was granted in a country specified in paragraph (1) or in a Member State of the European Community.".

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

(**b**) S.R. 1981 No. 239 as amended by S.R. 1982 No. 129, 1984 No. 400, 1985 No. 258 and a further amending instrument not relevant for the purpose

(4) In Schedule 3 (Groups of Motor Vehicles for Driving Test Purposes) in the second column in group C for "425Kg." there shall be substituted "450kg.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 4th June 1986.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 by—

(1) providing that a licence may not be altered, defaced, mutilated or added to and that a licence so altered, defaced, mutilated or added to shall be void (regulation 2(1));

(2) including in regulation 28 a provision that the expression "effective driving licence" (a licence that can be surrendered for a Northern Ireland driving licence) excludes a licence granted in exchange for another licence if that other licence was not granted in one of the countries specified in regulation 28(1) or in a Member State of the European Community (regulation 2(3));

(3) providing that a person who holds an Austrian or Japanese effective driving licence may, on surrender of it, and on payment of the prescribed fee, be granted a Northern Ireland driving licence without passing a Northern Ireland driving test (regulation 2(3));

(4) deleting Spain by reason of its accession to the EEC from the list of designated countries whose driving licence holders may exchange such licences for a Northern Ireland driving licence without passing a Northern Ireland driving test (regulation 2(3));

(5) increasing the weight limit for motor tricycles (for licence and test purposes) from 425kg unladen weight to 450kg unladen weight (regulation 2(2) and (4)).