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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*28th April 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*1st June 1981*

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1981.

Amendment

2. The Schedule to the Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**b**) shall be amended as follows:

(1) For paragraphs 2 and 3 there shall be substituted—

	Maximum speed—miles per hour
"2. Goods vehicles, that is to say, vehicles constructed or adapted for use for the conveyance of goods of any description, but not including dual-purpose vehicles—	
(1) vehicles exceeding 30 hundredweight in weight unladen and all articulated vehicles ...	40
(2) vehicles drawing a trailer, not being articulated vehicles—	
(*a*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a motor car having an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight when the relevant conditions specified in paragraph 18 are satisfied or the drawing vehicle is a foreign vehicle ...	50
(*b*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a motor car having an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight when the relevant conditions specified in paragraph 18 are not satisfied ...	40
(*c*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a heavy motor car or by a motor cycle ...	30
(*d*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a motor car having an unladen weight exceeding 30 hundredweight if the trailer—	

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 222 as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 268

(i) being a load-carrying trailer, has an unladen weight exceeding 5 hundredweight, or

(ii) being neither a living van nor a load-carrying trailer, has an unladen weight exceeding 15 hundredweight ... 30

(3) vehicles drawing more than one trailer ... 20

(4) vehicles not fitted with pneumatic tyres, if drawing trailers or having an unladen weight exceeding 1 ton, and vehicles drawing trailers not fitted with pneumatic tyres ... 20

(5) industrial tractors being used as goods vehicles ... 18

(6) works trucks ... 18

(7) vehicles not fitted with resilient tyres and vehicles drawing trailers not so fitted ... 5

3. Motor tractors—

(1) if fitted with pneumatic tyres, equipped with springs and wings and satisfying the conditions as to brakes specified in paragraph 15(*a*), or if so fitted and satisfying such conditions and drawing a trailer so fitted and satisfying the conditions as to brakes specified in paragraph 15(*b*) ... 30

(2) if industrial tractors not being used as goods vehicles ... 18

(3) if drawing two or more trailers ... 12

(4) if not fitted with resilient tyres or drawing trailers not so fitted ... 5

(5) if not within any of the categories mentioned in sub-paragraphs (1) to (4) ... 20'';

(2) In paragraph 14(1) there shall be inserted—

(*a*) after the definition of ''foreign vehicle''—

''''industrial tractor'' and ''works truck'' have the meanings respectively assigned to those expressions in regulation 3(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland 1976(a);'';

(*b*) after the definition of ''kerbside weight''—

''''living van'' means a vehicle which is used primarily as living accommodation by one or more persons, and which is not also used for the carriage of goods which are not needed by such one or more persons for the purpose of their residence in the vehicle;''; and

(3) In line 1 of paragraph 15 for the words ''paragraph 3(2)'' there shall be substituted the words ''paragraph 3(1)''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 28th April 1981.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) S.R. 1976 No. 320

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 (which specify the maximum speeds at which certain vehicles may travel on roads other than motorways).

The main effect of the amendments is to—

(*a*) impose a speed limit of 18 miles per hour on industrial tractors (whether or not they are being used as goods vehicles) and works trucks; and

(*b*) define the terms "industrial tractor", "living van" and "works truck".

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This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules (Northern Ireland) Order 1979. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules of a Local Character under the heading ROADS