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PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION)

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH DECEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 61 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 61 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

2. The Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(b) are hereby revoked.

3. These Regulations apply to a public service vehicle which—

(1) is brought into Northern Ireland for the purpose of carrying persons making only a temporary stay therein;

(2) does not remain in Northern Ireland for more than 90 days;

(3) is used by not more than 2 persons in addition to its passengers, being persons who are employed either to drive the vehicle or to act in the capacity of guide, interpreter or organiser;

(4) is used only by passengers all of whom commenced their journey from the same country and who are temporarily visiting Northern Ireland and will leave Northern Ireland not later than 90 days after they arrived in Northern Ireland;

(5) is used only by—

(i) passengers who were during their journey to Northern Ireland passengers in that vehicle, and

(ii) passengers who are returning in it to the country from which they started their journey, being passengers who travelled to Northern Ireland in another vehicle operated by the same carrier and who are making their return journey under a contract concluded with him before they arrived in Northern Ireland.

For the purpose of this paragraph any part of a journey during which a person has travelled by sea or air shall be disregarded for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has been a passenger on a vehicle during a journey;

(6) is registered in the country from which the passengers using it commenced their journey to Northern Ireland; and

(7) is operated by a carrier duly authorised under the law of the country in which it is registered to use it for the carriage of the passengers who are using it on the journey on which it is being used or such parts thereof as are within that country.

(a) 1970. c. 2 (N.I.). (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 99.

4. The provisions of Part IV of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 shall, in relation to vehicles to which these Regulations apply, have effect as though Sections 53, 54 and 65 (which subject user of public service vehicles to the holding of public service vehicle licences and drivers' and conductors' licences) were omitted therefrom.

5. None of the provisions of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(c), except Regulation 45 thereof (which prohibits the drawing of trailers by public service vehicles) shall have effect in relation to vehicles to which these Regulations apply.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 14th day of December 1970.

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(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 161.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations revoke and re-enact with amendments the Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969.

The principal changes are:—

1. The vehicles to which the Regulations apply are no longer restricted to single-decked vehicles.
2. The vehicles may also be used by passengers who travelled to Northern Ireland in another vehicle operated by the same carrier.