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ROAD FREIGHT TRANSPORT LICENSING

Exemption

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH NOVEMBER 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 45(*i*) OF THE TRANSPORT ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1967.

The Ministry of Development in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 45(*i*) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**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 Road Freight Transport Licensing (Exemption) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1971.

Exemption from licensing requirements

2. The provisions of Section 17(2) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (which prohibits the use of a motor vehicle on a road to carry goods for reward except under a vehicle licence) shall not apply to or affect the use of—

(i) a motor vehicle which does not exceed in unladen weight thirty hundredweight or such weight as, when added to the unladen weights of all other vehicles or trailers or combination of such to which it is attached, will total thirty hundredweight in aggregate; or

(ii) a motor vehicle for which by virtue of section 7(5)(*b*) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**b**) no duty is chargeable under that Act.

Exemption from payment of fees

3. A fee shall not be payable in respect of the grant of a road freight operator's licence to a person—

(*a*) operating such transport services from another country, which if operated by a Northern Ireland operator in that other country would there be exempt from fees; and

(*b*) using only vehicles for which in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 16 of the Road Freight Transport Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(**c**) vehicle licences are granted without payment of fees.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland this 24th day of November 1970.

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John F. Irvine,
Senior Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1967. c. 37 (N.I.). (b) 1954. c. 17. (c) S.R. & O. (N.I) 1968, No. 69.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for exemption in certain cases from road freight vehicle licensing and from payment of road freight operator's licence fees. Regulation 2 exempts from road freight vehicle licensing motor vehicles which do not exceed 30 cwt. unladen weight or form part of a vehicle combination exceeding 30 cwt. in unladen weight and vehicles exempted from payment of excise duty by reason of their limited use of public roads. Regulation 3 exempts from payment of road freight operator's licence fees operators who provide services from another country where similar services provided by a Northern Ireland operator would be exempt from fees and who are prevented by conditions attached to their vehicle licences from using any vehicles to carry for reward goods which are both loaded and unloaded in Northern Ireland.