1978 No. 139

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . *26th May* 1978

Coming into operation . . . . . *1st July* 1978

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 172(4), 175(4) and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1978.

2. The Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(**c**) shall be amended as follows—

After regulation 1 there shall be inserted the following regulation:—

"Interpretation

1A. In these Regulations a reference to "the Clerk of Petty Sessions" shall, where appropriate, include a reference to the Payments Officer at the Fixed Penalty Notice Office, Belfast.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 26th May 1978.

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Assistant Secretary

(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1973/1229 (N.I. 17) Article 11
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 (II, p. 2992)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966 No. 116 (p. 363)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

At present the payment of a fixed penalty for certain traffic offences is paid to the local Clerk of Petty Sessions but the Road Traffic (Payment of Fixed Penalty) Order (Northern Ireland) 1978 which comes into operation on 1st July 1978 directs that payment may be made to the Payments Officer, Fixed Penalty Notice Office, Belfast, and these Regulations amend the Road Traffic (Fixed Penalty) (Procedure) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966 to take account of this Order.