STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No. 168

JUSTICE

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025

Made - - - -	*15th October 2025*
Coming into operation -	*10th November 2025*

The Department of Justice makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 180C of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and now vested in it (**b**).

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 10th November 2025.

Amendment of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

2. The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008(**c**) are amended as follows.

3. In Regulation 6(2), for the table entitled "Table 1 – Regulation 6(2)", substitute the following table–

"Table 1 – Regulation 6(2)

Vehicle position and condition	*Vehicle equal to or less than 3.5 tonnes MAM*	*Vehicle exceeding 3.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 7.5 tonnes*	*Vehicle exceeding 7.5 tonnes MAM but less than 18 tonnes MAM*	*Vehicle exceeding 18 tonnes MAM*
Vehicle on road, upright and not substantially	£192	£256	£448	£448

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1) Article 180C was inserted by Article 21 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/916 (N.I. 10), as amended by S.R. 2008 No. 244.

(**b**) Article 4(1) of, and paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to, the Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions) Order 2010 (S.I. 2010/976) transferred the functions of the Secretary of State under Article 180C of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 to the Department of Justice.

(**c**) S.R. (N.I.) 2008 No. 494

damaged or any two wheeled vehicle whatever its condition or position on or off road				
Vehicle excluding a two wheeled vehicle, on road but either not upright or substantially damaged or both	£320	£832	Unladen £2561 Laden £3842	Unladen £3842 Laden £5763
Vehicle excluding a two wheeled vehicle, off road, upright and not substantially damaged	£256	£512	Unladen £1281 Laden £1921	Unladen £1921 Laden £2561
Vehicle excluding a two wheeled vehicle, off road but either not upright or substantially damaged or both	£384	£1088	Unladen £3842 Laden £5763	Unladen £5763 Laden £7684”

4. In Regulation 6(3), for the table entitled “Table 2 – Regulation 6(3)”, substitute the following table –

“Table 2 – Regulation 6(3)

Two wheeled vehicle	*Vehicle, not including a two wheeled vehicle, equal to or less than 3.5 tonnes MAM*	*Vehicle exceeding 3.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 7.5 tonnes MAM*	*Vehicle exceeding 7.5 tonnes MAM but equal to or less than 18 tonnes MAM*	*Vehicle exceeding 18 tonnes MAM*
£13	£26	£32	£38	£45”

Transitional provision

5. Regulations 3 and 4 only have effect in respect of a vehicle seized on or after 10th November 2025.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Justice on 15th October 2025

L.S.

Naomi Long

Minister of Justice

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations uplift the charges that shall be levied in respect of the removal and storage of vehicles seized because they have been driven without insurance, by amending the charges set out in Regulation 6 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (Retention and Disposal of Seized Motor Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Regulation 3 amends the statutory charges for removal of a seized motor vehicle.

Regulation 4 amends the statutory charges for the storage of a seized motor vehicle.

Regulation 5 provides that the amendments made by regulations 3 and 4 only have effect in respect of a vehicle seized on or after 10th November 2025.

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