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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988

Made . . . . . *9th August 1988*

Coming into operation . . *19th September 1988*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 28(1), 42, 49(2) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988 and shall come into operation on 19th September 1988.

Regulations amended

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**b**) are amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 52(3)(*a*) (distinctive lamps on certain vehicles) for "1.2 metres" substitute "38 centimetres".

(2) In regulation 52(3)(*b*) delete the semi-colon at the end of the paragraph and add the words "and any trailer being drawn by it;".

(3) In regulation 52(4)(*b*) after the words "except when it is" insert "required or".

(4) After regulation 52 insert the following new regulation—

"*Obligatory warning lamps*

52A.—(1) A motor vehicle having a maximum speed not exceeding 25 miles per hour shall not be used on an unrestricted dual carriageway road unless it or any trailer being drawn by it is fitted with at least one warning lamp showing an amber light which is kept lit.

(2) Warning lamps fitted in pursuance of paragraph (1) shall comply with the conditions specified in regulation 52(3).

(3) In paragraph (1) "unrestricted dual carriageway road" means a dual carriageway road which is not a motorway and which is not directed to be a restricted road by an order under Article 50(4)(*c*)(i) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 214; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1983 No. 162

(4) In paragraph (3) "motorway" means a road designated as a special road under Article 14 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(**a**) ("the Order") or under any statutory provision repealed by the Order and includes trunk roads to which Part III of the Order applies by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 7 to the Order.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 9th August 1988.

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(a) S.I. 1980/1085 (N.I. 11)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969. The principal amendments are as follows—

(1) the minimum height requirement for distinctive lights in certain vehicles is reduced from 1.2 metres above the ground to 38 centimetres above the ground (regulation 2(1));

(2) vehicles having a maximum speed not exceeding 25 miles per hour are required to show an amber warning light kept lit when on dual carriageway roads which are unrestricted as defined in new regulation 52A (regulation 2(4)).

Any person who is in breach of the regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £400).