STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2013 No. 28

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Urban Clearways (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

Made - - - -	*11th February 2013*
Coming into operation -	*5th March 2013*

The Department for Regional Development(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1), (2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to that Order.

The Department has published a Notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

No objection or other representation has been received.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as The Urban Clearways (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013 and shall come into operation on 5th March 2013.

Amendments

2.—(1) The Urban Clearways Order (Northern Ireland) 1997(**d**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In Article 1(2)—

(a) for the definition of "statutory undertaker" substitute the following—

""statutory undertaker" means—

(a) the railway undertaking within the meaning of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**e**); or

(b) any body or person authorised by any statutory provision to carry on any harbour or dock undertaking; and"; and

(**a**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(*d*) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**d**) S.R. 1997 No. 197 as amended by S.R. 1998 No. 236, S.R. 1999 No. 147, S.R. 1999 No. 329, S.R. 2005 No. 260 and S.R. 2006 No. 317
(**e**) 1967 c. 37 (N.I.)

(b) after the definition of "statutory undertaker" as so substituted insert the following—

""postal packet" means a letter, parcel, packet or other article transmissible by post as defined in section 125 of the Postal Services Act 2000(**a**);

"universal service provider" has the same meaning as in section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000.".

(3) For Article 3 substitute the following—

"**Exceptions**

3.—(1) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on a specified road where the person in control of it is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond that person's control or to avoid an accident or for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable—

(a) a person to board or alight from a vehicle provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause the vehicle to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes;

(b) the vehicle to be used in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or the purposes of the security forces;

(c) the vehicle to be used by or on behalf of a universal service provider for the purposes of the delivery to, or collection from, premises situated adjacent to the length of road of postal packets;

(d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes outside that length of road, to be used—

(i) in connection with any building, repair or demolition operations;

(ii) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;

(iii) in the connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that road;

(iv) by or on behalf of a statutory undertaker, a district council or a government department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

(v) by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker's functions;

(vi) in connection with the discharge of the functions of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(b) or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(c); or

(vii) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984(**d**); or

(e) the opening or closing of a gate or other barrier at the entrance to premises to which the vehicle requires access or from which it has emerged if it is not reasonably practicable for the vehicle to wait otherwise than in that length of road while such gate or barrier is opened or closed.

(2) The provisions of Article 2 shall not apply to a vehicle where the person in control of it—

(i) is required by law to stop; or

(ii) is acting upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform.

(**a**) 2000 c. 26
(**b**) S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)
(**c**) S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)
(**d**) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Sch. 3 para 2(2)