STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

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Coming into operation	*5th July 2007*

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 55(1), (2) and 110(2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**).

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 5th July 2007.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000(**2**)

Amendments to regulation 2 (interpretation)

2.—(1) Regulation 2(1) of the principal Regulations is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) After the definition of "the Designation of Approval Marks Regulations" insert the following definition—

> ""abnormal load escort vehicle" means a vehicle which is clearly identifiable to other road users as a vehicle used for the purposes of escorting abnormal loads by having on its front suitable markings and on its sides and rear retro-reflective markings;".

(3) In the definition of "emergency vehicle"—

(a) in the introductory words, for "motor vehicle" substitute "vehicle";

(b) in sub-paragraph (f), for "a vehicle owned by the Secretary of State for Defence and used" substitute "a vehicle owned or operated by the Secretary of State for Defence and used";

(c) for sub-paragraph (f)(ii) substitute—

> "(ii) for the purposes of any activity—

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department" and "prescribed"
(**2**) S.R. 2000 No. 169; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2001 No. 372

(A) which prevents or decreases the exposure of persons to radiation arising from a radiation accident or radiation emergency, or

(B) in connection with an event which could lead to a radiation accident or radiation emergency;";

(d) after sub-paragraph (f)(ii) insert the word "or";

(e) at the end of sub-paragraph (f)(iii) omit the word "or";

(f) omit sub-paragraph (f)(iv);

(g) at the end of sub-paragraph (i) omit the word "and";

(h) after sub-paragraph (j) insert—

"and

(k) a vehicle under the lawful control of the Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and used from time to time for the purposes of the investigation of serious crime (which, save for the omission of the words "and, where the authorising officer is within subsection (5)(h), it relates to an assigned matter within the meaning of section 1(1) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(**3**)", has the meaning given in section 93(4) of the Police Act 1997(**4**)).".

(4) After the definition of "prescribed sign" insert—

""radiation accident" and "radiation emergency" have the same meaning as in the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**5**);".

Amendments to regulation 13 (colour of light shown by lamps and reflectors)

3.—(1) Regulation 13 of the principal Regulations(**6**) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In paragraph (1)(c), for heads (i) to (iii) substitute—

"(i) a pedal cycle;

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle;

(iii) a solo motor bicycle or motor bicycle combination; or

(iv) an invalid carriage; or".

(3) In paragraph (2)—

(a) in sub-paragraph (l) for head (ix) substitute—

"(ix) a vehicle used for escort purposes;";

(b) after sub-paragraph (o) insert—

"(oa) amber light from a lamp attached to, or incorporated in, a pedal of a pedal cycle;

(ob) white light or amber light from a lamp which is designed to emit light primarily to one or both sides of the vehicle and is attached to, or incorporated in, any wheel or tyre of—

(i) a pedal cycle; or

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle;";

(**3**) 1979 c. 2
(**4**) 1997 c. 50
(**5**) S.R. 2001 No. 436
(**6**) Regulation 13 was amended by S.R. 2001 No. 372, regulation 2

(c) in sub-paragraph (q) for heads (i) to (iii) substitute—

"(i) a pedal cycle;

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle;

(iii) a solo motor bicycle or motor bicycle combination; or

(iv) an invalid carriage;".

Amendments to regulation 14 (movement of lamps and reflectors)

4. In regulation 14(2) of the principal Regulations—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (h) omit the word "or";

(b) in sub-paragraph (i), for heads (i) to (iii) substitute—

"(i) a pedal cycle;

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle;

(iii) a solo motor bicycle or motor bicycle combination; or

(iv) an invalid carriage;";

(c) after sub-paragraph (i) insert—

"(j) a lamp which is designed to emit light primarily to one or both sides of the vehicle and is attached to, or incorporated in, any wheel or tyre of—

(i) a pedal cycle;

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle; or

(k) a lamp attached to, or incorporated in, a pedal of a pedal cycle.".

Amendments to regulation 15 (lamps to show a steady light)

5. In regulation 15(2) of the principal Regulations—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (e) omit the word "or";

(b) after sub-paragraph (f) insert—

a front position lamp capable of emitting a flashing light (whether or not it is also capable of emitting a steady light) which is fitted to—

(i) a pedal cycle; or

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle,

and which, if it is a lamp which is required to be fitted pursuant to regulation 21, is capable, when emitting a flashing light, of emitting light to the front of the pedal cycle, trailer or sidecar of an intensity of not less than 4 candelas; or

(h) a rear position lamp capable of emitting a flashing light (whether or not it is also capable of emitting a steady light) which is fitted to—

(i) a pedal cycle; or

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle,

and which, if it is a lamp which is required to be fitted pursuant to regulation 21, is capable, when emitting a flashing light, of emitting light to the rear of the pedal cycle, trailer or sidecar of an intensity of not less than 4 candelas.".

Amendments to regulation 21 (obligatory lamps, reflectors, rear markings and devices)

6.—(1) Regulation 21 of the principal Regulations is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In paragraph (1), for "paragraph (2)" substitute "paragraphs (2), (2A) and (2B)".

(3) After paragraph (2) insert—

"(2A) The requirements specified in paragraph 5(c) of Schedule 2 shall not apply in the case of a front position lamp capable of emitting a flashing light which is fitted to—

(i) a pedal cycle; or

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle,

unless the lamp is also capable of emitting a steady light.

(2B) The requirements specified in paragraph 5(d) and (e) of Schedule 10 shall not apply in the case of a rear position lamp capable of emitting a flashing light which is fitted to—

(i) a pedal cycle; or

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle,

unless the lamp is also capable of emitting a steady light.".

Amendment to regulation 30 (restrictions on the use of lamps other than those to which regulation 27 refers)

7. In the third column of item 7 of the Table in regulation 30 of the principal Regulations—

(a) at the end of head (ii) omit the word "and";

(b) after head (iii) insert—

"(iv) in the case of an abnormal load escort vehicle, while it is being used in connection with the escort of another vehicle which has—

(A) an overall width (including any load) exceeding 2.9 metres,

(B) an overall length (including any load) exceeding 18.65 metres, or

(C) been authorised by the Department under Article 60 of the 1995 Order;

and

(v) in the case of a vehicle, used for escort purposes other than an abnormal load escort vehicle, while it is being used in connection with the escort of any vehicle and travelling at a speed not exceeding 25 mph.".

Amendments to Part I of Schedule 2 (requirements relating to obligatory front position lamps and to optional front position lamps to the extent specified in Part II)

8.—(1) Part I of Schedule 2 to the principal Regulations is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In the right hand column of paragraph 5(c), for the words "sub-paragraph (b)" substitute "sub-paragraph (b), (c) or (d)".

(3) After paragraph 12(b) insert—

"(c) in the case of a front position lamp capable of emitting a flashing light which is fitted to—

(i) a pedal cycle; or

(ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle,