STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 247

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Goods Vehicles (Testing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*1st June 2004*
Coming into operation	*3rd June 2004*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 69(5), 72(3) and 110(2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Testing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 3rd June 2004.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Goods Vehicles (Testing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(**2**).

New regulation 22A (certificates of temporary exemption)

2. After regulation 22 of the principal Regulations there shall be inserted the following regulation –

"**Certificates of temporary exemption**

22A.—(1) The Department may issue in respect of a vehicle a certificate of temporary exemption, by virtue of which that vehicle shall not, during the period specified in the certificate be subject to the provisions of Article 69(2) of the 1995 Order, where it is satisfied that –

(a) by reason of exceptional circumstances, as defined in paragraph (3), affecting either a vehicle testing centre or the vehicle, an examination cannot be completed by a date fixed under these Regulations for carrying out the examination; and

(b) the use of the vehicle on or after that date would constitute an offence under Article 69(2) of the 1995 Order.

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department" and "prescribed"
(**2**) S.R. 2003 No. 304