STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 44

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

Made - - - -	*11th February 2004*
Coming into operation	*25th March 2004*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 55(1) and (2) 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 Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004 and shall come into operation on 25th March 2004.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(**2**).

Amendment to regulation 15 (turning circle – buses)

2. In regulation 15(4) of the principal Regulations, for "12m" there shall be substituted "12.5m".

Amendment to regulation 49 (gas propulsion systems and gas-fired appliances)

3.—(1) Regulation 49 of the principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In paragraph (2) –

(a) for the words "A vehicle which is" there shall be substituted "Subject to paragraph (2A), a vehicle which is"; and

(b) after "Schedule 5" there shall be inserted "or with ECE Regulation 67 or 67.01".

(3) After paragraph (2) there shall be inserted –

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department" and "prescribed"
(**2**) S.R. 1999 No. 454; to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

"(2A) A vehicle which first used gas as a fuel for its propulsion on or after 13th November 1999 shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 5 or ECE Regulation 67.01.".

Amendment to Schedule 1 (ECE Regulations)

4. In Table II of Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations, after item 37 there shall be inserted the following items –

"37A	67	67	27.04.90	Vehicles using liquified petroleum gas	—	—
37B	67.01	67	13.11.99	Vehicles using liquified petroleum gas	—	—".

Amendment to Schedule 5 (gas systems)

5.—(1) Schedule 5 to the principal Regulations shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In paragraph 1, after the definition of "double-check valve" the following definition shall be inserted –

"electrically operated valve" means a device which is electrically operated and opens when the ignition is switched on and closes when the ignition is switched off or the power is otherwise cut off;".

(3) For paragraph 4(4) there shall be substituted –

"(4) Flexible hose may be used in a high pressure pipeline either if –

(a) (i) it is reinforced either by stainless steel wire braid or by textile braid,

(ii) its length does not exceed 500mm, and

(iii) save in the case of a pipeline attached to a gas container for the purpose of filling that container the flexibility which it provides is necessary for the construction or operation of the gas system of which it forms a part; or

(b) its length exceeds 500mm and it complies with Annex 8 of ECE Regulation 67.01 and is approved and marked in accordance with that Regulation.

(4A) In the case of a motor vehicle which first used gas as a fuel for its propulsion on or after 25th August 2004 a flexible hose of any length used in a high pressure pipe shall comply with the requirements of Annex 8 of ECE Regulation 67.01, shall be approved and marked in accordance with that Regulation, and shall be no longer than is reasonably necessary.".

(4) For paragraph 8(2) there shall be substituted –

"(2) Where a fixed gas container supplies no gas system other than a gas propulsion system –

(a) an electrically operated valve may be fitted in place of the valve or cock referred to in sub-paragraph (1);

(b) either –