STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 371

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - 7th August 2003

Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(3) and (4), 19C(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation –

(a) for the purposes of regulation 2(3) on 1st September 2003;

(b) for all other purposes, on 30th September 2003.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

2.—(1) The Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**2**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) For the table in regulation 26 (vehicles suitable for test) there shall be substituted the table set out in Schedule 1.

(3) For Schedule 7 there shall be substituted the provisions set out in Schedule 2.

(**1**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department"; Article 5 was substituted by S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3) Schedule 1; Article 5 was amended by S.R. 1996 No. 426, Schedule 1, paragraph 2

(**2**) S.R. 1996 No. 542; relevant amending regulations are S.R. 1999 No. 358 and S.R. 2003 No. 64

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 7th August 2003.

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SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 2(2)

TABLE

Column (1) *Category*	Column (2) *Specification*
A	A motor bicycle without a sidecar having an engine with a cylinder capacity of over 120 cubic centimetres but not more than 125 cubic centimetres and capable of a speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level.
A1	A motor bicycle without a sidecar having an engine with a cylinder capacity of 75 cubic centimetres but not more than 120 cubic centimetres.
B	Any four-wheeled vehicle in category B capable of a speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level.
B1 (invalid carriages)	An invalid carriage.
B1 in the case of any other test.	Any vehicle in sub-category B1 capable of a speed of 60 kilometres per hour on the level.
B + E (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for category B and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 1,000 kilograms which is capable of a speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level.
B + E (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for category B and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 1,000 kilograms, capable of a speed of at least 100 kilometres per hour on the level, which does not fall within category B; the cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the corresponding dimensions of the tractor vehicle; the closed box body may also be slightly less wide than the tractor vehicle provided that the view to the rear is only possible by use of the external rear-view mirrors of the tractor vehicle.
C1 (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	Any vehicle in sub-category Cl having a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms and capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
C1 (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	Any vehicle in sub-category C1 having a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms, with a length of at least five metres and capable of a speed of at least 80 kilometres per hour

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	on the level; fitted with anti-lock brakes and equipped with recording equipment as defined by Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/85; The cargo compartment shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and (when in position) as high as the cab.
C1 + E (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for sub-category Cl and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 2,000 kilograms, the overall length of which is 8 metres and which is capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
C1 + E (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for sub-category C1 and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 2,000 kilograms; this combination shall be at least eight metres in length and capable of a speed of at least 80 kilometres per hour on the level; the cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and at least as high as the corresponding dimensions of the tractor vehicle; the closed box body may also be slightly less wide than the tractor vehicle provided that the view to the rear is only possible by use of the external rear-view mirrors of the tractor vehicle.
D1 (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	Any vehicle in sub-category D1 capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
D1 (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	Any vehicle in sub-category D1 having a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms, with a minimum length of 5 metres and capable of a speed of at least 80 kilometres per hour on the level; fitted with anti-lock brakes and equipped with recording equipment as defined by Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/85.
D1 + E (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for sub-category D1 and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 1,250 kilograms which is capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
D1 + E (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for sub-category D1 and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 1,250 kilograms and capable of a speed of at least 80 kilometres per hour on the level; the cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body

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	which is at least 2 metres wide and at least 2 metres high.
C (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	Any vehicle in category C, other than an articulated goods vehicle, having a maximum authorised mass of 10,000 kilograms and a length of 7 metres which is capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
C (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	Any vehicle in category C other than an articulated goods vehicle having a maximum authorised mass of 12,000 kilograms, a length of at least 8 metres, a width of at least 2.4 metres and capable of a speed of at least 80 kilometres per hour on the level; fitted with anti-lock brakes, equipped with a gearbox having at least eight forward gears and recording equipment as defined by Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/85; the cargo compartment shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and at least as high as the corresponding dimensions of the cab.
C + E (In the case of a vehicle first used before 30th September 2003)	Either – (a) an articulated goods vehicle combination having a maximum authorised mass of 18,000 kilograms and a length of 12 metres which is capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level, or (b) a combination of a minimum test vehicle for category C and a trailer having a length of 4 metres and a maximum authorised mass of 4 tonnes, which has, in aggregate, a maximum authorised mass of 18,000 kilograms and an overall length of 12 metres and which is capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
C + E (In the case of a vehicle first used on or after 30th September 2003)	Either – (a) an articulated goods vehicle combination having a maximum authorised mass of 20,000 kilograms, a length of at least 14 metres and a width of at least 2.4 metres, and which is capable of a speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level, or (b) a combination of a minimum test vehicle for category C and a trailer having a length of at least 7.5 metres (each having a width of at least 2.4 metres), a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms, and which has, in aggregate, a maximum authorised mass of 20,000 kilograms and an overall length of 14