STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2001 No. 265

DISABLED PERSONS
ROAD AND RAILWAY TRANSPORT

Rail Vehicle (Exemption Applications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001

Made - - - -	*2nd July 2001*
Coming into operation	*19th October 2001*

The Department for Regional Development(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 47(2) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(**2**) and now vested in it(**3**), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, having consulted with such representative organisations as it thinks fit in accordance with section 46(11) of the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rail Vehicle (Exemption Applications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 and shall come into operation on 19th October 2001.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In theses Regulations—

"application" means an application for an exemption;

"exemption" means an exemption order under section 47 of the Act from any relevant requirement;

"relevant requirement" means any requirement of the Rail Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001(**4**) with which a rail vehicle is required to conform; and

"the Act" means the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**5**) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to an Act of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

(**1**) S.I.1999/283 (N.I.) Article 3(1)
(**2**) 1995 c. 50; section 47 is modified in its application to Northern Ireland by paragraph 31 of Schedule 8; section 67 is substituted by paragraph 46 of the said Schedule 8; *see* section 68(1) as substituted by paragraph 47(1) of the said Schedule 8 for the definition of "regulations"
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(*d*) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**4**) S.R. 2001 No. 264
(**5**) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

Manner of making exemption applications

3. Every application shall be made in writing to the Department and shall contain the particulars specified in the Schedule.

Period and revocation of exemption orders

4.—(1) An exemption shall continue in force for such period as may be specified in the exemption, but may be revoked by notice by the Department—

(a) at any time if the operator of the relevant regulated rail vehicle so requests; or

(b) forthwith if (having consulted the operator) the Department is satisfied that the operator has failed to comply with any restriction or condition subject to which the exemption was granted.

(2) Before giving a notice pursuant to paragraph (1) the Department shall consult such persons as it considers appropriate.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 2nd July 2001.

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