STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 104

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - -	*9th March 1999*
Coming into operation	*20th April 1999*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 55(1) and (6) 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 No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 20th April 1999.

(2) In these Regulations—

"EC certificate of conformity" and "light passenger vehicle" have the same meaning as in Article 31(A)(7) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**2**);

"the principal Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**3**).

New regulation 83B (use of mechanical coupling devices)

2. After regulation 83A of the principal Regulations there shall be inserted the following—

"**Use of mechanical coupling devices**

83B.—(1) This regulation applies to every light passenger vehicle first used on or after 20th April 1999 in respect of which an EC certificate of conformity has effect.

(2) No person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road any vehicle to which this regulation applies unless any mechanical coupling device which is attached to it complies

(**1**) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"
(**2**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); Article 31(A) was inserted by S.I. 1985/755 (N.I. 6), Article 3 and amended by S.R. 1993 No. 246, regulation 4
(**3**) S.R. 1989 No. 299, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations