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The Department of the Environment, being a Department designated(**a**) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(**b**) in relation to the construction and equipment of vehicles and of components of vehicles, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Articles 55(1), (2), (4), and (6), 59(1) and (3), and Article 110(2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**c**) and of every other power enabling it on that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 24th January 1996.

Statement under Article 59(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

2.—(1) The Department is satisfied that—

(*a*) it is requisite that the provisions mentioned in paragraph (2) which vary requirements about the construction of the vehicles to which

(**a**) S.I. 1972/1811
(**b**) 1972 c. 68
(**c**) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"

those provisions apply, shall apply as from 24th January 1996 to such of those vehicles as are registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(**a**) before the expiration of one year from the making of these Regulations; and

(*b*) notwithstanding that these provisions will then apply to those vehicles, no undue hardship or inconvenience will be caused thereby.

(2) The provisions referred to in paragraph (1) are those set out in the Table—

Number of regulation or Schedule	*Nature of requirements*
Regulation 3(6)	Interpretation of requirements in relation to British Standard marks.
Schedule 1, Table V	Invalid carriages with a maximum speed exceeding 4 mph to be fitted with direction indicators and hazard warning signal devices.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations:—

"the 1995 Order" means the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**b**);

"the Construction and Use Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**c**);

"the Designation of Approval Marks Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1979(**d**);

"agricultural vehicle" means a vehicle constructed or adapted for agriculture, grass cutting, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations and primarily used for one or more of these purposes, and includes any trailer drawn by an agricultural vehicle;

"angles of visibility" means a requirement for a lamp or reflector fitted to a vehicle to have specified horizontal and vertical angles of visibility as a requirement that at least 50 per cent. of the apparent surface must be visible from any point within those angles when every door, tailgate, boot lid, engine cover, cab or other movable part of the vehicle is in the closed position;

"apparent surface" means for any given direction of observation, is the orthogonal projection of a light-emitting surface in a plane perpendicular to the direction of observation and touching that surface;

(**a**) 1994 c. 22
(**b**) S.R. 1995 No. 2994 (N.I. 18)
(**c**) S.R. 1989 No. 299; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1992 No. 54
(**d**) S.I. 1979/1088; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982/1479, 1983/1602, 1985/113 and 1986/369

"articulated bus" has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations;

"articulated vehicle" has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations;

"breakdown vehicle" means a vehicle used to attend an accident or breakdown or to draw a broken down vehicle;

"bus" has the same meaning as in regulation 2(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations;

"caravan" means a trailer which is constructed (and not merely adapted) for human habitation;

"cc" means cubic centimetre or centimetres;

"circuit-closed tell-tale" means a light showing that a device has been switched on;

"cm^2" means square centimetre or centimetres;

"cm" means centimetre or centimetres;

"combat vehicle" means a vehicle of a type described at item 1, 2 or 3 in column 1 of Schedule 2 to the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(**a**);

"Community Directive 76/756/EEC, as last amended by Directive 89/278/EEC" means Council Directive 76/756/EEC of 27.7.76 (O.J. L262, 27.9.76, p. 1) as amended by Commission Directive 80/233/EEC of 21.11.79 (O.J. L51, 25.2.80, p. 8), Commission Directive 82/244/EEC of 17.3.82 (O.J. L109, 22.4.82, p. 31), Council Directive 83/276/EEC of 26.5.83 (O.J. L151, 9.6.83, p. 47), Commission Directive 84/8/EEC of 14.12.83 (O.J. L9, 12.1.84, p. 24) and Commission Directive 89/278/EEC of 23.3.89 (O.J. L109, 20.4.89, p. 38);

"Community Directive 76/756/EEC, as last amended by Directive 91/663/EEC" means Council Directive 76/756/EEC as last amended by Directive 89/278/EEC and further amended by Commission Directive 91/663/EEC (O.J. L366, 31.12.91, p. 17);

"cycle" has the same meaning as in Article 2(2) of the 1995 Order;

"daytime hours" means the time between half an hour before sunrise and half an hour after sunset;

"dim-dip device" means a device which is capable of causing a dipped-beam headlamp to operate at reduced intensity;

"dipped beam" means a beam of light emitted by a lamp which illuminates the road ahead of the vehicle without causing undue dazzle or discomfort to oncoming drivers or other road users;

"direction indicator" means a lamp on a vehicle used to indicate to other road users that the driver intends to change direction to the right or to the left;

(**a**) S.R. 1968 No. 277, to which there are amendments not relevant to these regulations