1991 No. 419

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991

Made . . . . . *14th September 1991*

Coming into operation . . *14th October 1991*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2)(**a**) and 29(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991 and shall come into operation on 14th October 1991.

Amendment

2. The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(**c**) is amended as follows—

(1) In Article 3(1) (interpretation) delete the words " ''land locomotive'', ''land tractor'' " and after the definition of ''the Ministry'' insert the following definitions—

" ''agricultural motor vehicle'', ''agricultural trailer'' and ''agricultural trailed appliance'' have the meanings respectively given to those expressions in regulation 2(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**d**)''.

(2) For Articles 14 (land tractors used for reaping and threshing) and 15 (mechanically propelled hay and straw balers) substitute the following Articles—

''*Agricultural motor vehicles, agricultural trailers and agricultural trailed appliances*

14.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), and notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of regulation 7 of the Construction and Use Regulations, the Department authorises the use on roads of—

(**a**) *See* the definition of ''Department''
(**b**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I.)
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1968 No. 277 to which there is an amendment not relevant to this Order
(**d**) S.R. 1989 No. 299 to which there is an amendment not relevant to this Order

(*a*) an agricultural motor vehicle,

(*b*) an agricultural trailer designed to perform functions, other than the carriage of goods, that necessitate an overall width of 2.5 metres being exceeded, or

(*c*) an agricultural trailed appliance,

if the relevant conditions specified in Schedule 4 are complied with.

(2) The authorisation specified in paragraph (1) applies only in so far as the width of a vehicle (including an agricultural implement which by virtue of Article 14B is treated as part of the vehicle) cannot, without undue expense or risk of damage, be reduced.

Agricultural motor vehicle towing an off-set agricultural trailer or trailed appliance

14A.—(1) The Department authorises the use on roads, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of regulation 7 of the Construction and Use Regulations, of an agricultural motor vehicle towing an agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance in such a manner that the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle and the longitudinal axis of the trailer are parallel but lie in different vertical planes and the width specified in paragraph (2) exceeds 2.5 metres provided the relevant conditions specified in Schedule 4 are complied with.

(2) The width referred to in paragraph (1) is the distance equivalent to the distance which, if both the agricultural motor vehicle and the agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance (when being drawn by the agricultural motor vehicle) are treated as one vehicle, would fall to be measured as its overall width.

Provisions supplementary to Article 14 and 14A

14B. For the purposes of Articles 14 and 14A and Schedule 4, an agricultural implement rigidly mounted on an agricultural motor vehicle, an agricultural trailer or an agricultural trailed appliance shall be treated as part of that vehicle, trailer or appliance whether or not—

(*a*) the implement is permanently attached thereto, and

(*b*) part of the weight of the implement is transmitted to the surface of the road otherwise than by the wheels or tracks of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance.

Agricultural motor vehicles, agricultural trailers and agricultural trailed appliances with implements projecting rearwards or forwards

15.—(1) The Department authorises the use on roads, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of regulations 7 and 79 of the Construction and Use Regulations, of—

(*a*) an agricultural motor vehicle,

(*b*) an agricultural trailer, and

(*c*) an agricultural trailed appliance,

with an agricultural implement rigidly mounted thereon whether or not—

(i) the implement is permanently attached thereto, and

(ii) part of the weight of the implement is transmitted to the surface of the road otherwise than by the wheels or tracks of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance,

provided that the requirements mentioned in paragraph (2) are complied with.

(2) Those requirements are that—

(*a*) if any part of the implement projects rearwards of the rearmost part of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance by more than a distance specified in an item in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 5 the conditions specified in that item in column 3 are complied with; and

(*b*) if any part of the implement projects forwards of the foremost part of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance by more than a distance specified in an item in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 5 the conditions specified in that item in column 3 are complied with.''.

(3) After Schedule 3 add the following Schedules—

''SCHEDULE 4 (See Articles 14 and 14A)

Conditions relating to the width of agricultural vehicles

1. If the overall width of the vehicle, or in the case of a combination of vehicles mentioned in Article 14A(1), the overall width of the combination exceeds the width specified in an item in column 2 of the Table below, the vehicle, or in the case of a combination of vehicles, the drawing vehicle, shall not be driven at a speed exceeding that specified in column 3 of that item.

TABLE

1 *Item No.*	2 *Overall width*	3 *Maximum speed*
1.	3.5 metres	12 miles per hour
2.	2.5 metres	20 miles per hour

2. If—

(*a*) the overall width of—

(i) an agricultural motor vehicle,

(ii) an agricultural trailer,

(iii) an agricultural trailed appliance, or

(*b*) the width specified in Article 14A(2) of a combination of vehicles—