**1984 No. 135**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

# The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984

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| *Made* . . . . . | *25th April 1984* |
| *Coming into operation* . . . | *1st June 1984* |

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 28(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1984.

*Revocation*

**2.** The Regulations specified in Schedule 1 are revoked.

*Speed limits*

**3.** The speed at which a motor vehicle is driven on the classes of road specified in Schedule 2 shall not exceed the maximum speed specified therein for a motor vehicle of the class or description mentioned therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 25th April 1984.

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Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

SCHEDULE 1 (See regulation 2)

**Regulations revoked**

| *Title* | *Year and Number* |
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| The Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 | S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 222 |
| The Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit on Special Roads) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 | S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 223 |
| The Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 | S.R. 1978 No. 268 |
| The Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 | S.R. 1981 No. 135 |

SCHEDULE 2 (See regulation 3)

PART I

**Vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres on all wheels (see application provisions below the following Table)**

| 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
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| Item No. | Class of Vehicle | Maximum speed (in miles per hour) while vehicle is being driven on:— | | |
| | | (a) Special Road | (b) Dual carriageway road not being a Special Road | (c) Other road |
| 1. | A passenger vehicle, motor caravan or dual-purpose vehicle not drawing a trailer being a vehicle with an unladen weight exceeding 3.05 tonnes or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers— | | | |
| | (*a*) if not exceeding 12 metres overall length; | 70 | 60 | 50 |
| | (*b*) if exceeding 12 metres in overall length. | 60 | 60 | 50 |
| 2. | A passenger vehicle, car-derived van, motor caravan or dual-purpose vehicle drawing one trailer. | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| 3. | A passenger vehicle, car-derived van, motor caravan or dual-purpose vehicle drawing more than one trailer. | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| 4. | (1) A goods vehicle having a maximum laden weight not exceeding 7.5 tonnes and which is not— | | | |
| | (*a*) an articulated vehicle; or | | | |
| | (*b*) drawing a trailer; or | | | |
| | (*c*) a car-derived van. | 70 | 60 | 50 |
| | (2) A goods vehicle which is— | | | |
| | (*a*) (i) an articulated vehicle having a maximum laden weight not exceeding 7.5 tonnes, or | | | |
| | (ii) a motor vehicle, other than | | | |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
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| Item No. | Class of Vehicle | Maximum speed (in miles per hour) while vehicle is being driven on:— | | |
| | | (a) Special Road | (b) Dual carriageway road not being a Special Road | (c) Other road |
| | a car-derived van, which is drawing one trailer where the aggregate maximum laden weight of the motor vehicle and the trailer does not exceed 7.5 tonnes; | 60 | 50 | 50 |
| | (*b*) (i) an articulated vehicle having a maximum laden weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes, (ii) a motor vehicle having a maximum laden weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes and not drawing a trailer, or (iii) a motor vehicle drawing one trailer where the aggregate maximum laden weight of the motor vehicle and the trailer exceeds 7.5 tonnes; | 60 | 50 | 40 |
| | (*c*) a motor vehicle other than a car-derived van, drawing more than one trailer. | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| 5. | A motor tractor (other than an industrial tractor), a light locomotive or a heavy locomotive— | | | |
| | (*a*) if the provisions about springs and wings as specified in paragraph 3 of Part IV are complied with and the vehicle is not drawing a trailer, or if those provisions are complied with and the vehicle is drawing one trailer which also complies with those provisions; | 40 | 30 | 30 |
| | (*b*) in any other case. | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 6. | A works truck. | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| 7. | An industrial tractor. | Not applicable | 18 | 18 |

*Application*

Part I applies only to motor vehicles, not being track-laying vehicles, every wheel of which is fitted with a pneumatic tyre and to such vehicles drawing one or more trailers, not being track-laying vehicles, every wheel of which is fitted with a pneumatic tyre.