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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts by Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made	*1st November 1982*
Coming into operation . . .	*31st January 1983*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 129B(1) and (3) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts by Children) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 31st January 1983.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"adult seat belt" means—

(*a*) in a case where the seat belt is one mentioned in paragraph (5) of regulation 17 of the Construction and Use Regulations, one which complies with the requirements specified in paragraphs (5), (7), (8) and (10) of that regulation;

(*b*) in a case where the seat belt is not one to which paragraph (5) of that regulation applies, the belt fitted to the vehicle for use by a person occupying the seat in question;

"the Construction and Use Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(b);

"restraining device for a young person" means a seat belt which is marked with a marking referred to in regulation 17(11) of the Construction and Use Regulations; and

"seat belt" and "specified passenger's seat" have the meanings respectively given to those expressions in regulation 17(12) of the Construction and Use Regulations.

Exceptions to restriction on carrying children in the front of motor vehicles

3. The prohibition in Article 129B(1) of the Order shall not apply to a child for whom there is a valid certificate in a form supplied by the Department, signed by a medical practitioner to the effect that it is inadvisable on medical grounds for him to wear a seat belt.

4. The said prohibition shall apply only to a vehicle which is of a class specified in regulation 5(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982(c) (which relates to vehicles to which seat belts for certain seats are

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1) as amended by S.I. 1982/157 (N.I. 3) Art. 3
(b) S.R. 1976 No. 320 as amended by S.R. 1980 No. 164 and S. R. 1982 No. 336
(c) S.R. 1982 No. 357