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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . *20th October 1982*

Coming into operation . . . *22nd November 1982*

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 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 (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 22nd November 1982.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976(b) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 17 (seat belts and anchorage points), in paragraph (11), for the words "with a British Standards mark." there shall be substituted the words "with either a British Standards mark or a marking designated as an approval mark by regulation 4 of the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1979(c) and shown in column (2) at item 44 in Schedule 2 to those Regulations.".

(2) For regulation 92A there shall be substituted—

"*Maintenance of seat belts and anchorage points*

92A.—(1) This regulation applies to every seat belt with which a motor vehicle is required to be provided in accordance with regulation 17 and to the anchorages, fastenings, adjusting device and retracting mechanism (if any) of every such seat belt.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation the anchorages and anchorage points of a seat belt shall, in the case of a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, include the system by which the seat assembly itself is secured to the vehicle structure.

(3) The anchorage points provided for seat belts shall be used only as anchorages for the seat belts for which they are intended to be used or capable of being used.

(4) Save as provided in paragraph (5)—

(*a*) all load-bearing members of the vehicle structure or panelling within 30 centimetres of each anchorage point shall be maintained in a sound condition and free from serious corrosion, distortion or fracture;

(*b*) the adjusting device and (if fitted) the retracting mechanism of the seat belt shall be so maintained that the belt may be readily adjusted to the body of the wearer, either automatically or manually, according to the design of the device and (if fitted) the retracting mechanism;

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(b) S.R. 1976 No. 320 as amended by S.R. 1980 No. 164
(c) S.I. 1979/1088, as amended by S.I. 1981/126