1979 No. 137

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made . . . . . 12*th April* 1979

Coming into operation . . . . 28*th May* 1979

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 5, 15 and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and now vested in it(b) 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 (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 28th May 1979.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(c) shall be amended as follows:

(*a*) in head (*a*) of regulation 2(1)(*g*) there shall be deleted the words from "in the case only of" to "1st September 1978,"; and

(*b*) after regulation 3(11) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(12) For the purposes of section 5(2) of the Act, the period during which a provisional licence shall continue in force shall be one year.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 12th April 1979.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965.

The deletion of the words in head (*a*) of regulation 2(1)(*g*) of the Regulations of 1965 enables a motor cycle which satisfies the specifications in that head to come within the definition of moped irrespective of when it was first used (regulation 2(*a*)).

The duration of a provisional licence is prescribed by these Regulations instead of being cited in the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970. It remains at one year (regulation 2(*b*)).

(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1976/581 (N.I. 11) Article 3 and S.I. 1978/1051 (N.I. 21) Article 14 and Schedule 2 paragraph 2 and other amending instruments not relevant for the purpose

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Article 5(*b*) (II, p. 2992)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 42 (p. 203) as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 209 and other amending instruments not relevant for the purpose