1976 No. 241

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Goods Vehicles (Ascertainment of Maximum Gross Weights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

Made . . . . . 12*th August* 1976

Coming into operation . . . 6*th September* 1976

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 15, 15A 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:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Ascertainment of Maximum Gross Weights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 6th September 1976 and shall have effect from 1st January 1976.

2. In these Regulations—

"the Act" means the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 as amended by the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) (Northern Ireland) Order 1976(c).

3. For producing, for the purposes of paragraph (*c*) in the definition of "relevant maximum weight" in section 15A of the Act, the notional maximum gross weight of a vehicle of a class listed in column (1) of Schedule 1, the number set against that class in column (2) of that Schedule is hereby prescribed as the number by which the unladen weight of that vehicle is to be multiplied.

4. For producing, for the purposes of paragraph (*c*) in the definition of "relevant maximum train weight" in section 15A of the Act, the notional maximum gross weight of an articulated goods vehicle combination of a class listed in column (1) of Schedule 2, the number set against that class in column (2) of that Schedule is hereby prescribed as the number by which the sum of the unladen weights of the motor vehicle and semi-trailer which form that combination is to be multiplied.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 12th August 1976.

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(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1976/581 (N.I. 11) Article 1(2) and Schedule 1 paras 6 and 7
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504, Article 5(*b*) (II, p. 2992)
(c) S.I. 1976/581 (N.I. 11)

SCHEDULE 1

Multipliers for Motor Vehicles and Trailers

(1) *Class of Vehicle*	(2) *Number*
Part A—Motor Vehicles	
1. Dual-purpose vehicles not constructed or adapted to form part of an articulated goods vehicle combination	1.5
2. Break-down vehicles	2
3. Works trucks and straddle carriers used solely as works trucks	2
4. Electrically propelled motor vehicles	2
5. Vehicles constructed or adapted for, and used solely for, spreading material on roads to deal with frost, ice or snow	2
6. Motor vehicles used for no other purpose than the haulage of lifeboats and the conveyance of the necessary gear of the lifeboats which are being hauled	2
7. Living vans	1.5
8. Vehicles constructed or adapted for, and used primarily for the purpose of, carrying equipment permanently fixed to the vehicle, in a case where the equipment is used for medical, dental, veterinary, health, educational, display or clerical purposes and such use does not directly involve the sale, hire or loan of goods from the vehicle	1.5
9. Three wheeled motor vehicles designed for the purpose of street cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies	2
10. Steam propelled vehicles	2
11. Vehicles designed and used for the purpose of servicing, controlling, loading or unloading aircraft on an aerodrome	2
12. Motor vehicles of a class not mentioned above where equipment, apparatus or other burden is permanently attached to and forms part of the vehicle and where the vehicle is only used on a road for carrying, or in connection with the use of, such equipment, apparatus or other burden	1

(1) *Class of Vehicle*	(2) *Number*
13. Motor vehicles of a class not mentioned above which are either—	
(*a*) motor cars not exceeding 1,525 kilograms unladen weight and first used before 1st January 1968	2
(*b*) motor cars exceeding 1,525 kilograms unladen weight and heavy motor cars first used before 1st January 1968	2.46
(*c*) locomotives or motor tractors first used before 1st November 1976	2
14. Any motor vehicles not mentioned above . . .	4
Part B—Trailers	
1. Engineering plant	1
2. Trailers which consist of drying or mixing plant designed for the production of asphalt or of bituminous or tar macadam	1
3. Agricultural trailers	1
4. Works trailers	1
5. Living vans	1.5
6. Any trailer not mentioned above	3

INTERPRETATION

In this Schedule:

(1) "agricultural trailer" means a trailer the property of a person engaged in agriculture which is not used on a road for the conveyance of any goods or burden other than agricultural produce or articles required for the purposes of agriculture;

"break-down vehicle" means a motor vehicle on which there is mounted apparatus designed for raising a disabled vehicle wholly or partly from the ground or for drawing a disabled vehicle when so raised, and which is not used for the conveyance of goods other than a disabled vehicle wholly raised by that apparatus and which carries no other load other than articles required for the operation of, or in connection with, that apparatus or otherwise for dealing with disabled vehicles;

"dual-purpose vehicle" means a vehicle constructed or adapted for the carriage both of passengers and of goods or burden of any description, being a vehicle of which the unladen weight does not exceed 2040 kilograms, and which either—

(i) is so constructed or adapted that the driving power of the engine is, or by the appropriate use of the controls of the vehicle can be, transmitted to all the wheels of the vehicle, or

(ii) satisfies the following conditions as to construction, namely:—

(*a*) the vehicle must be permanently fitted with a rigid roof, with or without a sliding panel;

(*b*) the area of the vehicle to the rear of the driver's seat must—