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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Community Rules) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

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The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, being a Department designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b), in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Community Rules) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1976.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Suspension in certain circumstances of the Community rules as to the qualifications of persons engaged in road transport

2.—(1) Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Article 5 of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 543/69 of 25th March 1969(d) on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport the application of the rules laid down in the following provisions of that Article—

(*a*) paragraph 1 (minimum ages for drivers engaged in carriage of goods), and

(*b*) paragraph 2 (minimum ages for, and other qualifications of, drivers engaged in the carriage of passengers),

are hereby suspended in respect of carriage by road in Northern Ireland in a case where the driver of the vehicle used for the carriage is resident in the United Kingdom and immediately before 1st January 1976—

(i) holds, or would but for a current disqualification hold, a licence, or

(ii) is entitled, or would but for a current disqualification be entitled, to obtain a licence other than a provisional licence, or having held a provisional licence is entitled to obtain, or would but for a current disqualification, be entitled to obtain a provisional licence,

authorising him to drive motor vehicles of a class which comprises the vehicle used for the carriage.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

(*a*) the reference to the driver of a vehicle used for carriage by road is, in a case where that vehicle is a trailer, a reference to the driver of the motor vehicle drawing the trailer;

(a) S.I. 1975/1707 (1975 III, p. 5814)
(b) 1972 c. 68
(c) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)
(d) O.J. No. 167 of 20.3.72 (p. 11)