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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles: Maximum Speed

REGULATIONS, DATED 29TH JUNE 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State, and in exercise of the powers vested in it by section 26 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on the 1st July 1973.

Revocations

2. The Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(**b**) and the Motor Vehicles (Maximum Speed) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Maximum speeds of motor vehicles

3. The speed at which a motor vehicle is driven on any road, other than a special road within the meaning of the Special Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1963(**d**), shall not exceed the maximum speed specified in the Schedule for a motor vehicle of the class or description mentioned therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 29th day of June 1973.

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Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) 1970. c. 2 (N.I.).
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 170.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 189.
(**d**) 1963. c. 12 (N.I.).

SCHEDULE

Limits of speed for vehicles of certain classes or descriptions

Class or description of vehicle (*see also paragraph* 13).	*Maximum speed—miles per hour*
Vehicles other than track-laying vehicles	
1. Passenger vehicles, that is to say, vehicles constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects, and dual purpose vehicles:—	
(1) a vehicle having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons, constructed or adapted to carry more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver, in respect of which a public service vehicle licence granted under section 55 of the Act is in force	50
(2) a vehicle having an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight, constructed or adapted to carry more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver and in respect of which a public service vehicle licence granted under section 55 of the Act is not in force	50
(3) a vehicle having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons, or constructed or adapted to carry more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver, not being a vehicle which falls within sub-paragraph (1) or (2) above	40
(4) a vehicle drawing one trailer when the drawing vehicle is either a motor car constructed or adapted to carry not more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver or a vehicle which has an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight and is constructed or adapted to carry more than 7 pasengers exclusive of the driver—	
(*a*) in a case where the relevant conditions specified in paragraph 18 are satisfied, or the drawing vehicle is a foreign vehicle	50
(*b*) in any other case	40
(5) a vehicle drawing one trailer in circumstances not falling within sub-paragraph (4)	30
(6) a vehicle drawing more than one trailer	20
(7) a vehicle not fitted with pneumatic tyres and a vehicle drawing a trailer not so fitted	20
2. Goods vehicles, that is to say, vehicles constructed or adapted for use for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description, but not including dual-purpose vehicles having an unladen weight exceeding three tons:—	
(1) vehicles exceeding 30 hundredweight in weight unladen and all articulated vehicles	40
(2) vehicles drawing a trailer, not being articulated vehicles—	
(*a*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a motor car having an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight when the relevant conditions specified in paragraph 18 are satisfied or the drawing vehicle is a foreign vehicle	50

Class or description of vehicle (*see also paragraph* 13)	*Maximum speed—miles per hour*
(*b*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a heavy motor car or by a motor cycle	30
(*c*) in the case of a trailer drawn by a motor car having an unladen weight exceeding 30 hundredweight if the trailer—	
(i) being a load-carrying trailer, has an unladen weight exceeding 5 hundredweight, or	
(ii) being neither a living van nor a load carrying trailer, has an unladen weight exceeding 15 hundredweight	30
(3) vehicles drawing more than one trailer	20
(4) vehicles not fitted with pneumatic tyres, if drawing trailers or having an unladen weight exceeding 1 ton, and vehicles drawing trailers not fitted with pneumatic tyres	20
(5) vehicles not fitted with resilient tyres and vehicles drawing trailers not so fitted	5
3. Motor tractors:—	
(1) generally, except for vehicles falling within sub-paragraph (2)	20
(2) vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres, equipped with springs and mudguards and which satisfy the conditions as to brakes specified in paragraph 15(*a*) or such vehicles drawing a trailer so fitted and equipped and which satisfies the conditions as to brakes specified in paragraph 15(*b*)	30
(3) if drawing two or more trailers	12
(4) if not fitted with resilient tyres or drawing trailers not so fitted	5
4. Heavy locomotives and light locomotives:—	
(1) generally, except for vehicles falling within the following sub-paragraph	12
(2) vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres, equipped with springs and mudguards and which satisfy the conditions as to brakes and weight specified in paragraph 15(*a*), (*c*) and (*d*) or such vehicles drawing a trailer so fitted and equipped and which satisfies the conditions as to brakes specified in paragraph 15(*b*) if the further conditions as to the weight of a vehicle and trailer specified in paragraph 15(*e*) are complied with	20
(3) if drawing two or more trailers	12
(4) if not fitted with resilient tyres or drawing a trailer not so fitted	5
Track-laying vehicles	
5. Motor cars and heavy motor cars	20

Class or description of vehicle (*see also paragraph* 13)	*Maximum speed—miles per hour*
6. Motor tractors:—	
(1) generally	20
(2) if drawing two or more trailers	5
7. Light locomotives:—	
(1) generally	12
(2) if drawing more than two trailers	5
8. Heavy locomotives	5
9. Track-laying vehicles which do not satisfy both of the following conditions:— (*a*) that the vehicle is fitted with springs between its frame and the weight-carrying rollers,and (*b*) that the vehicle is fitted with resilient material between the rims of the weight-carrying rollers and the road surface, and vehicles drawing track-laying trailers which do not satisfy both of those conditions	12
10. Track-laying vehicles satisfying neither of the said conditions in paragraph 9, and vehicles drawing track-laying trailers satisfying neither of those conditions	5
11. Combined track-and-wheel vehicles not fitted with resilient tyres, and vehicles drawing trailers which are combined track-and-wheel vehicles not fitted with resilient tyres	5
12. Vehicles drawing trailers, where the drawing or any of the drawn vehicles, not being a track-laying vehicle, is not fitted with resilient tyres	5

Interpretation and application

13. A vehicle falling within two or more descriptions specified in this Schedule shall be treated as falling within that description for which the lowest limit of speed is specified.

14.—(1) In this Schedule:—

"the Act" means the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970;

"articulated vehicle" means a vehicle which consists of a motor vehicle drawing a trailer where the trailer is so attached to the drawing vehicle that part of the trailer is superimposed upon the drawing vehicle, and when the trailer is uniformly loaded not less than 20 per cent of the weight of its load is borne by the drawing vehicle;

"braked trailer" means a trailer which is equipped with a braking system in accordance with Regulation 50 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(e), whether or not that Regulation applies to it;

(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 75.