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ROAD VEHICLES

Registration and Licensing

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH DECEMBER 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE VEHICLE (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 24 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1973.

(2) In these Regulations the expression "Principal Regulations" means the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1947(**b**).

2. The Principal Regulations shall have effect as though:—

(1) in regulation 31(iv), as amended(**c**), for the words "An application from . . . . are so paid." there were substituted the following:—

"An application from the owner of a vehicle for which exemption is claimed under section 7(2) or (2A) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(**d**), as amended(**e**), shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and Social Services stating—

(*a*) in a case to which section 7(2) of that Act applies, that he has obtained, or is eligible for, a grant under section 27(3) of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(**f**) in relation to that vehicle; and

(*b*) in a case to which section 7(2A) of that Act applies, that—

(i) he has a particular disability that so incapacitates him in the use of his limbs that he has to be driven and cared for by a full-time constant attendant, and

(ii) he is sufficiently disabled to be eligible under the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland) 1971 for an invalid tricycle if he were not too disabled to drive it.".

(2) the Fifth Schedule, as amended(**g**), were further amended as follows:—

(**a**) 1954. c. 17.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 167.
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1964, No. 122.
(**d**) 1972. c. 10 (N.I.).
(**e**) S.I. 1972, No. 1100 (N.I. 11).
(**f**) 1971. c. 1 (N.I.)
(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 3; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 259; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 37.

(*a*) in paragraph 4, 6(*b*)(ii), 10 and 12(1)(ii) and (2)(ii) for the words "black surface" and "said surface", in each place where they occur, there were substituted the words "surface or background"; and

(*b*) for paragraphs 2 and 2A there were substituted the following paragraphs:—

"**2.** Paragraph 2A shall apply to the registration mark required to be fixed on a vehicle which is first registered on or after 1st January 1973 other than—

(*a*) a vehicle having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons, being a vehicle on which, or on whose load, there is fitted, in accordance with such of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(**h**), as amended(**i**), as apply in relation to the vehicle or, as the case may be, to its load, a rear marking such as is mentioned in those Regulations;

(*b*) a vehicle which is used wholly or mainly as a stage carriage within the meaning of the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(**j**), as amended(**k**); and

(*c*) a bicycle, an invalid carriage, a pedestrian controlled vehicle, a works truck and an agricultural machine.

2A. A registration mark to which this paragraph applies shall be exhibited on a plate which is constructed of reflex reflecting material, being a plate which complies with the requirements laid down by the British Standard Specification for Reflex Reflecting Number Plates published on 11th September 1972 under the number B.S. AU 145a and is of a type in respect of which there has been issued by the Secretary of State a certificate that a plate of that type complies with those requirements, and in such a case—

(*a*) the registration mark, where it is displayed on the front of the vehicle, shall be formed in black letters and figures upon a white background and where it is displayed on the back of the vehicle shall be formed of black letters and figures upon a yellow background;

(*b*) that part of the plate which comprises the said background shall be constructed of reflex reflecting material which shall at all times be maintained in a clean and efficient condition;

(*c*) no reflex reflecting material shall be applied to any part of the said letters or figures; and

(*d*) there shall be legibly and permanently marked on the plate the specification number B.S. AU 145a to indicate that it complies with the British Standard Specification mentioned above,

but nothing in this paragraph shall apply to the registration mark required to be fixed on a vehicle when that mark, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 23, is displayed on the back of a trailer attached to that vehicle.

(**h**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 71.
(**i**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972, No. 195.
(**j**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 91.
(**k**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 316.