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MOTOR VEHICLES: CONSTRUCTION AND USE

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH OCTOBER 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 4 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(**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 (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1969.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations the expression "the Principal Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(**b**).

Regulations amended

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

(1) in Regulation 3, after paragraph (1), there were inserted the following paragraphs:—

"(1A) For the purpose of these Regulations, in determining when a motor vehicle is first used, the date of such first use shall be taken to be such date as is the earliest of the undermentioned relevant dates applicable to that vehicle:—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**c**), the Roads Act 1920(**d**), the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1949(**e**) or the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(**f**), the relevant date is the date on which it was first so registered; and

(*b*) in each of the following cases:—

(i) in the case of a vehicle which is being or has been used under a trade licence as defined in section 10 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (otherwise than for the purposes of demonstration or testing or of being delivered from premises of the manufacturer by whom it was made, or of a distributor of vehicles or dealer in vehicles to premises of a distributor of vehicles, dealer in vehicles or purchaser thereof, or to premises of a person obtaining possession thereof under a hiring agreement or hire purchase agreement);

(ii) in the case of a vehicle belonging, or which has belonged, to the Crown which is or was used or appropriated for use for naval, military or air force purposes;

(**a**) 1955. c. 27.
(**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 75.
(**c**) 1954. c. 17.
(**d**) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72.
(**e**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.
(**f**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13.