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MOTOR VEHICLES: MINIMUM AGE FOR DRIVING

REGULATIONS, DATED 23RD APRIL 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 12 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(a) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1969.

2. The age under which a person may not drive on a road a motor-car constructed as mentioned in Section 3(3)(*a*) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(b) (which relates to motor vehicles constructed to draw partially superimposed trailers) shall, if the motor-car has an unladen weight exceeding 2 tons, and is driven with a trailer attached to it in the manner mentioned in that Section, be 21 instead of 17.

3.—(1) The age under which a person may not drive on a road a road roller falling within Section 18(3) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955 (which specifies 21 as the minimum age for driving locomotives, motor tractors and heavy motor-cars) shall, if the roller—

(*a*) is propelled otherwise than by steam;

(*b*) has an unladen weight not exceeding 11½ tons;

(*c*) is not constructed or adapted for the conveyance of a load other than the following articles, that is to say, water, fuel, accumulators and other equipment used for the purpose of propulsion, loose tools, loose equipment and objects such as are mentioned in the following paragraph;

and if no wheel of the roller is fitted with a pneumatic, soft or elastic tyre, be 17 instead of 21.

(2) For the purposes of the foregoing paragraph, the unladen weight of a vehicle shall be treated as including the weight of any object for the time being attached to the vehicle, being an object specially designed to be so attached for the purpose of temporarily increasing the vehicle's gross weight.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 23rd day of April 1969.

(L.S.)

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(a) 1968. c. 19 (N.I.).

(b) 1955. c. 27.