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## MOTOR VEHICLES: CONSTRUCTION AND USE

### The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH MAY 1968, 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*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

**2.** The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) shall have effect as though

(1) for Regulation 41 there were substituted the following Regulation:

*"Seat belts and anchorage points*

**41.**—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2) of this Regulation, this Regulation applies:—

(*a*) to every motor car registered on or after 1st May 1967;

(*b*) on and after 31st July 1968 to every motor car registered on or after 1st January 1966; and

(*c*) on and after 31st December 1968 to every motor car registered on or after 1st January 1965.

(2) This Regulation does not apply:—

(*a*) to a goods vehicle unless it was constructed on or after 1st September 1966, is registered on or after 1st May 1967, and has an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight;

(*b*) to a passenger vehicle or a dual-purpose vehicle being in either case a vehicle adapted to carry more than twelve passengers exclusive of the driver;

(*c*) to a land tractor or a motor tractor;

(*d*) to a works truck;

(*e*) to an electrically propelled goods vehicle;

(*f*) to a pedestrian controlled vehicle;

(*g*) until 31st July 1968 to a vehicle constructed before 1st September 1966;

(*h*) to a vehicle in respect of which, under section 23 of the Purchase Tax Act 1963(c), any tax has been remitted and has not subsequently become payable;

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(a) 1955. c. 27.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 75.
(c) 1963. c. 9.

(*i*) to a vehicle constructed before 30th June 1964; or

(*j*) to a vehicle which has been used on roads outside Northern Ireland and has been imported into Northern Ireland whilst it is being driven after its importation into Northern Ireland on the journey from the place where it has arrived in Northern Ireland to a place of residence of the owner or driver of the vehicle, and on the journey from any such place to a place where, by previous arrangement, the vehicle will be provided with such anchorage points and seat belts as will comply with the requirements of this Regulation.

(3) Every motor car to which this Regulation applies shall be provided with anchorage points designed to hold body-restraining seat belts securely in position on the vehicle for—

(*a*) the driver's seat; and

(*b*) the specified passenger's seat;

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply so as to require anchorage points to be provided for any seat which is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages.

(4) Every motor car to which this Regulation applies shall be provided with—

(*a*) a body-restraining seat belt designed for use by an adult for the driver's seat; and

(*b*) a body-restraining seat belt for the specified passenger's seat;

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle—

(*a*) while it is being used under a trade licence within the meaning of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**d**) or the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(**e**), or

(*b*) while it is being driven from premises of the manufacturer by whom it was made, or of a distributor of vehicles or dealer in vehicles—

(i) to premises of a distributor of vehicles, dealer in vehicles or purchaser thereof, or

(ii) to premises of a person obtaining possession thereof under a hiring agreement or hire-purchase agreement.

(5) Every seat belt provided in pursuance of this Regulation shall, if the seat for which it is provided is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, be properly secured to the integral seat belt anchorage points forming part thereof, or, if the seat for which it is provided is not such a seat, be properly secured to the structure of the vehicle by the anchorage points provided for it under paragraph (3) of this Regulation.

(6) (*a*) Every vehicle constructed on or after 1st September 1966 and registered on or after 1st May 1967 which is provided with seat belt anchorage points in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this Regulation shall be legibly and permanently marked with the specification number of the British Standard for seat belt anchorage points, namely B.S. AU48: 1965;

(*b*) where in the case of any motor car to which this Regulation applies and which was registered on or after 1st May 1967 the driver's seat or the specified passenger's seat is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, such seat shall be legibly and permanently marked with the specification number of the British Standard for Seats

(**d**) 1954. c. 17. (**e**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13.