MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) (ROAD TRAFFIC) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1957

ORDER IN COUNCIL DATED 25TH JUNE, 1957, MADE UNDER SECTION 2 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) ACT, 1952(a).

1957. No. 113 **[C]**

BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

WAKEHURST

Whereas by section two of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Act, 1952 (in this Order referred to as "the Act"), it is provided that the Governor of Northern Ireland may make provision in relation to Northern Ireland for any purpose for which provision may be made in relation to Great Britain under section one of the Act;

And Whereas a draft of this Order has in pursuance of sub-section (2) of the said section two been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament;*

Now, therefore, I, John de Vere, Baron Wakehurst, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor of Northern Ireland, by and with the advice of the Privy Council of Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section two of the Act, do hereby order as follows:—

Visitors' Driving Permits

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, it shall be lawful for a person resident outside the United Kingdom who holds—

(*a*) a Convention driving permit, or

(*b*) a domestic driving permit issued in a country outside the United Kingdom,

during a period of twelve months from the date of his last entry into the United Kingdom to drive, and be employed in driving, in Northern Ireland a motor vehicle of any class or description which he is authorised by that permit to drive, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a driving licence under the Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926 to 1955.

(2) The foregoing provisions of this Article shall be without prejudice to sub-section (1) of section eighteen of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955(b) (which imposes age limits on young persons driving motor vehicles) but sub-section (3) of section eighteen of the said Act (which makes it unlawful for a person under twenty-one to drive certain heavy motor vehicles) shall not apply in relation to a person driving in pursuance of this article a motor vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland if he has attained the age of eighteen years.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2, c. 39. (b) 1955 c. 27.

*A resolution approving the draft of this order was passed by each House of Parliament on 18th June, 1957.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this Article, it shall be lawful for a person resident outside the United Kingdom who holds—

(*a*) a Convention driving permit, or

(b) a domestic driving permit issued in a country outside the United Kingdom,

during a period of 12 months from the date of his last entry into the United Kingdom to drive, and be employed in driving, in Northern Ireland, a public service vehicle (other than a public service vehicle seating not more than six persons in addition to the driver) brought temporarily into Northern Ireland, which he is authorised by that permit to drive, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of such a licence as is required by sub-section (1) of section twelve of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926(a), provided that he has attained the age of eighteen years.

(4) This Article shall not authorise a person to drive a motor vehicle of any class or description if, in consequence of a conviction or of the order of a Court, he is disqualified from holding a driving licence under the Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926 to 1955 to drive a vehicle of that class or description.

(5) The Ministry may by order withdraw the right conferred by sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Article or the right conferred by sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (3) of this Article, or both those rights, either in the case of all domestic driving permits, or in the case of domestic driving permits of a description specified in the Order or held by persons of a description so specified.

(6) In this Article—

"Convention driving permit" means a driving permit in form A or B in the First Schedule to this Order issued under the authority of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention to which that form relates and, during the period ending on the twenty-sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty, includes an international driving licence issued under the Convention on the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic opened for signature at Washington in 1943;

"domestic driving permit" in relation to a country outside the United Kingdom means a document issued under the law of that country and authorising the holder to drive motor vehicles, or a specified class or description of motor vehicles, in that country, and includes a driving permit issued by the armed forces of any country outside the United Kingdom for use in some other country outside the United Kingdom.

(7) The provisions of this Article which authorise the holder of a permit to drive a vehicle during a specified period shall not be construed as authorising the driving of a vehicle at a time when the permit has ceased to be valid.

(a) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. (N.I.) c. 31.

2.—(1) It shall be lawful—

(*a*) for a member of a visiting force of a country to which Part I of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952(a), for the time being applies who holds a driving permit issued under the law of any part of the sending country or issued by the service authorities of the visiting force or

(*b*) for a member of a civilian component of such a visiting force who holds such a driving permit,

to drive, and be employed in driving, in Northern Ireland a motor vehicle of any class or description which he is authorised by that permit to drive, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a driving licence under the Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926 to 1955.

(2) This Article shall not authorise a person to drive a motor vehicle of any class or description if, in consequence of a conviction or of the order of a court, he is disqualified from holding a driving licence under the Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926 to 1955, to drive a vehicle of that class or description.

(3) This Article shall be without prejudice to sub-section (1) of section eighteen of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955 (which imposes age limits on young persons driving motor vehicles) but sub-section (3) of section eighteen of the said Act (which makes it unlawful for a person under twenty-one to drive certain heavy motor vehicles) shall not apply in relation to a person driving a motor vehicle in pursuance of this Article if he has attained the age of eighteen years.

(4) The interpretative provisions of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952, shall apply for the interpretation of this Article.

3. The Second Schedule to this Order shall have effect as respects the driving permits referred to in Articles 1 and 2 of this Order.

Lighting of Vehicles brought temporarily into Northern Ireland

4. Regulations under Part IV of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934(b), or Part IV of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955, may either wholly or partially, and subject to any conditions, vary, or grant exemptions from, the requirements of those Acts in the case of motor vehicles or trailers brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by persons resident outside the United Kingdom or in the case of any class or description of such vehicles.

Interpretation, Repeals, Citation and Commencement

5. In this Order "the Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, Part III of the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order, 1930(c), shall be revoked in its application to Northern Ireland.

(2) The revocation of Part III of the said Order of 1930 (under which driving licences may be issued to foreign drivers

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2, c. 67. (b) 24 & 25 Geo. 5 (N.I.), c. 15.
(c) S.R. & O. 1930/968 (Rev. XX. p. 507; 1930 p. 1680.)

arriving in the United Kingdom) shall not affect any driving licence issued before the coming into operation of this Order or the application of the said Part III in relation to such a licence.

(3) The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955(a), shall be revoked.

7.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Road Traffic) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1957.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the date on which the Convention on International Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in 1949 comes into force for the United Kingdom, which date will be notified in the *Belfast Gazette*.

Given at Government House, Hillsborough, this twenty-fifth day of June, 1957.

MacDermott
Terence O'Neill
Brian Maginess
Arthur Black

FIRST SCHEDULE

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FORM OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT UNDER CONVENTION OF 1949

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United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*

International Motor Traffic

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

Convention on International Road Traffic of 1949.

* *In a permit issued by some other country the name of that country will appear instead and pages 1 and 2 will be drawn up in the language of that country.*

Issued at .....

Date .....

Signature or seal of the issuing authority.

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This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States, with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on the last page of this permit.

List of Contracting States (optional)

It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955/114.

Form of International Driving Permit

PART I

		Last
Particulars concerning the Driver:	Surname	1
	Other names*	2
	Place of birth**	3
	Date of birth***	4
	Permanent place of residence	5
Vehicles for which the permit is valid:		
Motor cycles, with or without a sidecar, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg (900 lbs.).		A
Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most eight seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.		B
Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs.) Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.		C
Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than eight seats. Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.		D
Motor vehicles of categories B, C or D, as authorised above, with other than a light trailer.		E

"Permissible maximum weight" of a vehicle means the weight of the vehicle and its maximum load when the vehicle is ready for the road.

"Maximum load" means the weight of the load declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle.

"Light trailers" shall be those of a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 750 kg (1,650 lbs.).

EXCLUSION

Holder of this permit is deprived of the right to drive in (country)

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by reason of .....

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Seal or stamp of authority

Place .....

Date .....

Signature .....

Exclusions: (countries I—VIII)

Should the above space be already filled, use any other space provided for "Exclusion".

The entire last page (Parts I and II) shall be drawn up in French.

Additional pages shall repeat in other languages the text of Part I of the last page. They shall be drawn up in English, Russian, Chinese and Spanish, and other languages may be added.