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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1981 No. 154 (N.I. 1)

## Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

- - - - 10th February 1981

### ROAD TRAFFIC (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1981

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10. In this Schedule— (a) references to an immobilisation device are to a device or appliance...
11. In this Schedule “ regulations ” means regulations made by the Department under Article 103.
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3. Subject to paragraph 4, all persons interested may appear at the inquiry either in person...
4. No person shall be entitled to be heard at the inquiry unless he has within...
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2. (1) This paragraph applies to a person who immediately before 1st January 1976 fulfilled any...

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