
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2994

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Part III

Construction and Use of Vehicles and Equipment

Test of certain classes of goods vehicles

Obligatory goods vehicle test certificates

69.—(1) If any person at any time on or after the relevant date—

(a) uses on a road or other public place a goods vehicle of a class required by regulations under Article 65 to have been submitted for examination for plating; or

(b) causes or permits to be used on a road or other public place a goods vehicle of such a class, and at that time there is no plating certificate in force for the vehicle, he is guilty of an offence. In this paragraph “relevant date”, in relation to any goods vehicle, means the date by which it is required by the regulations to be submitted for examination for plating.

(2) If any person at any time on or after the relevant date—

(a) uses on a road or other public place a goods vehicle of a class required by regulations under Article 65 to have been submitted for a goods vehicle test; or

(b) causes or permits to be used on a road or other public place a goods vehicle of such a class, and at that time there is no goods vehicle test certificate in force for the vehicle, he is guilty of an offence.

In this paragraph “relevant date”, in relation to any goods vehicle, means the date by which it is required by the regulations to be submitted for its first goods vehicle test.

(3) Any person who—

(a) uses a goods vehicle on a road or other public place; or

(b) causes or permits a goods vehicle to be so used,

when an alteration has been made to the vehicle or its equipment which is required by regulations under Article 65 to be, but has not been, notified to the Department is guilty of an offence.

(4) In any proceedings for an offence under paragraph (3), it shall be a defence to prove that the alteration was not specified in the relevant plating certificate in accordance with regulations under Article 65.

(5) The Department may by regulations—

(a) exempt from all or any of the preceding provisions of this Article the use of goods vehicles for such purposes or in such an area as may be prescribed; and

(b) make provision for the issue in respect of a vehicle in such circumstances as may be prescribed of a certificate of temporary exemption exempting that vehicle from the provisions of paragraph (1) or (2) for such period as may be specified in the certificate.

Status:

Point in time view as at 27/02/2007.

Changes to legislation:

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Section 69 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.