
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART III
SENTENCE

General

Exemption from disqualification and endorsement for certain construction and use offences

53.—(1) Where a person is convicted of an offence under Article 54 of the Order of 1995 (using vehicle in dangerous condition etc.) the court must not—

- (a) order him to be disqualified, or
- (b) order any particulars or penalty points to be endorsed on the counterpart of any licence held by him,

if he proves that he did not know, and had no reasonable cause to suspect, that the use of the vehicle involved a danger of injury to any person.

(2) Where a person is convicted of an offence under Article 56 of the Order of 1995 (breach of requirement as to brakes, steering-gear or tyres) the court must not—

- (a) order him to be disqualified, or
- (b) order any particulars or any penalty points to be endorsed on the counterpart of any licence held by him,

if he proves that he did not know, and had no reasonable cause to suspect, that the facts of the case were such that the offence would be committed.