Road Traffic and Vehicles

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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Public Service Vehicles

REGULATIONS, DATED 20TH MAY 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTIONS 65 AND 189 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in it by sections 65 and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on the 1st June 1974.

Regulation amended

2. For Regulation 26 of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(b) there shall be substituted the following Regulation—

"Refusal of licence

26.-(1) A licence shall not be granted to any applicant who is-

(a) unable to read or write or is not clean in dress and person;

- (b) unable to produce a copy of his birth certificate or furnish other satisfactory evidence as to his age;
- (c) under five feet in height or not strong enough to deal with the luggage of passengers;
- (d) deemed unfit from any infirmity of mind or body;
- (e) unable to satisfy the Department that he is of good character and fit to act as a driver or a conductor, as the case may be.

(2) A female shall not be licensed to act as the driver of a motor hackney carriage licensed to stand or ply for hire on any road or public place."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland this 20th day of May 1974.

(L.S.)

B. D. Palmer,

Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend Regulation 26 of the Public Service Vehicles Regulations 1965 by removing the prohibition on the granting of public service vehicle drivers' licences to females.