1976 No. 104

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976

24th March 1976 12th April 1976 Coming into operation

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 47, 52 and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and now vested in it(b) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance(c), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1976 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1976.

Regulations amended

- 2. The Goods Vehicles (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(d) shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) For regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following regulation:
 - "4.—(a) A person who desires to obtain a goods vehicle certificate shall apply to the Department on a form issued by the Department and shall furnish all relevant particulars and make any relevant declaration specified in such form.
 - (b) Each application for a certificate shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as prescribed in regulation 8.";
 - (2) For regulation 8 there shall be substituted the following regulation:
 - "8. The fees payable on an application for a goods vehicle certificate shall be as follows:
 - (a) for a goods vehicle for which a certificate is applied for within one month of being registered for the first time under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(e) or under the corresponding statutory provisions obtaining elsewhere, and which before being so registered has not been used for demonstration purposes for a longer period than one month, a fee of £1.50;
 - (b) for a goods vehicle not coming within the provisions of sub-paragraph (a), where the vehicle does not exceed in weight 30 hundredweight unladen, a fee of £3.50;

⁽a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1973/1229 (N.I. 17)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(b) (II, p. 2992)
(c) Formerly Ministry: see 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966 No. 65 (p. 237) as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 128 (p. 483) and other amending instruments not relevant for the purpose.
(e) 1972 c. 10 (N.I.)

- (c) for a goods vehicle not coming within the provisions of subparagraph (a), where the vehicle exceeds in weight 30 hundredweight unladen, a fee of £8.50; and
- (d) where following a refusal of a goods vehicle certificate the goods vehicle is presented for a re-test within 28 days from the issue of a notice of refusal—
 - (i) where the vehicle does not exceed in weight 30 hundredweight unladen, a fee of £2;
 - (ii) where the vehicle exceeds in weight 30 hundredweight unladen, a fee of £4.":
- (3) For regulation 11 there shall be substituted the following regulation:
- "11. Where a certificate is refused the Department shall give written notice to the applicant stating the reasons for refusal.";
- (4) In regulation 20 for the words "in the Form No. 7 in the Schedule." there shall be substituted the words "on a form issued by the Department.";
 - (5) In the Schedule Forms No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 24th March 1976.

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B. D. Palmer

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves of regulation 2(2).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 24th March 1976.

(L.S.)

C. F. Darling
Senior Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966.

The amendments are as follows-

- 1. Applications for goods vehicle certificates have to be on forms issued by the Department and have to be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- 2. The introduction of a new fee structure resulting in increased fees for a goods vehicle certificate.
- 3. The application forms for a goods vehicle certificate and duplicate goods vehicle certificate and the notice of refusal of a goods vehicle certificate have been removed from the Schedule. In future forms shall be in such form as the Department may determine. Application forms may be obtained from any Vehicle Inspection or Driving Test Centre or any Local Vehicle Licensing Office.