

1979 No. 202

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Prohibition of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979

Made 12th June 1979

Coming into operation 23rd July 1979

The Department of the Environment being satisfied that the roads described in the schedule are unsuitable for unrestricted use by vehicles and in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Prohibition of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 23rd July 1979.

(2) In this order:—

“bus” means a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry twelve or more passengers, used in standing or plying for hire or used to carry passengers for hire;

“statutory undertaker” has the meaning assigned to it by section 42 of the Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(c).

Prohibition

2. Subject to article 3 no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle proceeding in any of the roads specified in column 1 of the schedule to enter the roads specified in relation to those roads in column 2.

Exemptions

3. Article 2 shall not apply:—

(a) to buses or to motor vehicles requiring access to premises for the purpose of the conveyance of goods, being goods which by reason of their size and weight could not reasonably be conveyed to or from such premises otherwise than by means of a motor vehicle as specified in relation to those roads in column 3 of the schedule;

(b) to a vehicle used in an emergency by a medical practitioner or for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;

(c) to a vehicle, the driver of which is acting upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden;

(d) to a vehicle being used by or on behalf of a government department, district council, or statutory undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers and duties;

(e) to a vehicle being used in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any telegraph line as defined in the Telegraph Act 1878(d);

(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.)

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 art. 4 (II, p. 2992)

(c) 1948 c. 28 (N.I.)

(d) 1878 c. 76

- (f) to a vehicle being used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets as defined in the Post Office Act 1969(e);
- (g) to animals.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 12th June 1979.

(L.S.)

T. J. McCormick

Senior Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Durham Street, Belfast	Glengall Street, Belfast	Buses
Donegall Square South, Belfast	Donegall Square West, Belfast	Buses and for access
Wellington Place, Belfast	Upper Queen Street, Belfast	Buses and for access
Fisherwick Place, Belfast	Wellington Street, Belfast, between Fisherwick Place and Upper Queen Street	For access
Upper Queen Street, Belfast	Wellington Street, Belfast, between Upper Queen Street and Donegall Square West	For access
Upper Church Lane, Belfast	Ann Street, between Upper Church Lane and Victoria Street	For access
Victoria Square, Belfast	Upper Church Lane	For access

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The general effect of the Order is to prohibit the use of some roads in Belfast, by all motor vehicles, except in certain cases buses and motor vehicles requiring access to premises, emergency vehicles and vehicles being used on behalf of a Government Department, District Council, Statutory Undertaker or the Post Office.

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order have been erected on the roads.

Any person who acts in contravention of this Order is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £100.