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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 72(4), 75(1), 76 and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1982.

Regulations amended

- 2. The Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(b) shall be amended as follows:
 - (1) In regulation 2-
 - (a) in paragraph (1) after the definition of "registered" there shall be inserted—
 - ""relevant endorsement" means endorsement of particulars of a conviction in pursuance either of Article 197 of the Order (endorsements of licences) or of that provision of the law for the time being in force in Great Britain that corresponds to the said Article 197;", and
 - (b) in paragraph (2) ", unless the context otherwise requires" shall be deleted.
 - (2) In regulation 4(b)(i) for "three" there shall be substituted "five".
 - (3) In regulation 11(6)(a) for head (iii) there shall be substituted—
 - "(iii) shall not apply so far as regards the driving of a vehicle of class 1 or 1A, if the test is, or by virtue of regulation 20 has effect as, a test for a vehicle of that class, except in a case where the holder is under the age of 21,

but shall remain applicable in the excepted cases mentioned in (ii) and (iii); and".

- (4) In regulation 12(7) the last sentence shall be deleted.
- (5) For regulation 15(1) there shall be substituted—
- "15.—(1) Subject to paragraph (6), any such person as follows, that is to say,—
 - (a) the driver of a heavy goods vehicle on a road; or
 - (b) a person who supervises the holder of a provisional licence (including a full licence which is treated as a provisional licence under regulation 10(1) or 11(2) or (3)) or the holder of a hgy trainee driver's full licence to drive heavy goods vehicles of class 1 or 1A, or heavy goods vehicles of

⁽a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

⁽b) S.R. 1981 No. 240

class 2, 2A, 3 or 3A (when being used to draw a trailer which is not part of an articulated vehicle combination), while the holder is driving a heavy goods vehicle on a road,

shall, on being so required by a constable or an examiner, produce his hgv driver's licence or, as the case may be, his Great Britain hgv driver's licence for examination so as to enable the constable or examiner to ascertain the name and address of the holder of the licence, the date of its issue, and the authority by whom it was granted, and shall, on being so required by an examiner as aforesaid, give his, name and address and acknowledge that such information as may be recorded by the examiner on the examiner's record sheet is correct by signing the said record sheet."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 27th April 1982.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Regulation 4(b)(i) of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 requires that an applicant for a heavy goods vehicle driver's licence (whether full or provisional) shall not have had an epileptic attack at any time since he attained the age of three years. These Regulations amend that provision so that an applicant for a licence is required not to have had an epileptic attack since he attained the age of five years.

The opportunity has also been taken to make some drafting amendments.