

## 1982 No. 363

## ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

## Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982

Made . . . . . 5th November 1982

Coming into operation . . . . . 1st January 1983

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1  
to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 34(4) 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 orders and directs as follows:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1983.

(2) In this Order "ambulance" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted, and primarily used, for the carriage of persons to a place where they will receive, or from a place where they have received, medical or dental treatment, and which, by reason of design, marking or equipment is readily identifiable as a vehicle so constructed or adapted.

*Extension of the Order*

2. In relation to an ambulance Article 34(2) and (6)(c) of the Order shall have effect with the substitution for seven years of one year.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 5th November 1982.

(L.S.)

J. M. Irvine

Assistant Secretary

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order.)*

Article 34(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 makes it an offence to use on a road at any time a motor vehicle to which that Article applies and which was first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 or the Roads Act 1920 not less than 7 years previously unless a vehicle test certificate has been issued in respect of that vehicle within the preceding 12 months.

The exemption from said Article for vehicles provided for ambulance purposes by the Motor Vehicle Testing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 was removed by the Motor Vehicle Testing (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982.

This Order implements the provisions of Council Directive 77/143/EEC of 29th December 1976 (the approximation of laws of the Member States relating to roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers) by extending the application of Article 34(1) to ambulances which are first registered not less than one year previously.