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The Department of the Environment, being a department designated(a) for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the regulation and supervision of working conditions of persons engaged in road transport, the regulation of the type, description, construction or equipment of vehicles and the testing of the roadworthiness of motor vehicles and their trailers, in exercise of the powers conferred by that section, and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2)(c), 53(3), 54, 58(1), 80 and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(d) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(e) as regards regulations 7, 8 and 9(1), makes the following Regulations:

(a) S.Is. 1975/1707, 1972/1811 and 1977/1718

(b) 1972 c. 68

(c) See the definition of "Department"

(d) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

(e) Formerly the Department of Finance. See S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 16th July 1990.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“agricultural motor vehicle”, “agricultural trailer”, “agricultural trailed appliance”, “converter dolly”, “engineering plant”, “living van”, “pedestrian-controlled vehicle”, “semi-trailer”, “straddle carrier”, “track-laying”, “unladen weight”, “works trailer” and “works truck” have the meanings respectively assigned to those expressions in regulation 2(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(a);

“break-down vehicle” means a motor vehicle—

(a) on which is permanently mounted apparatus designed for raising one disabled vehicle partly from the ground and for drawing that vehicle when so raised, and

(b) which is not equipped to carry any load other than articles required for the operation of, or in connection with, that apparatus or for repairing disabled vehicles;

“centre” means a vehicle inspection centre of the Department used by an inspector of vehicles for the examination of vehicles;

“certificate” means a goods vehicle certificate granted under Article 54 of the Order;

“the Community Recording Equipment Regulation” means Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3821/85 of 20th December 1985 on recording equipment in road transport(b) as read with the Community Drivers’ Hours and Recording Equipment (Exemptions and Supplementary Provisions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(c);

“industrial tractor” means a tractor, not being an agricultural motor vehicle which—

(a) has an unladen weight not exceeding 7,370 kilograms, and

(b) is designed and used primarily for work off roads, or for work on roads in connection only with road construction or maintenance (including any such tractor when fitted with an implement designed primarily for use in connection with such work, whether or not any such implement is of itself designed to carry a load);

(a) S.R. 1989 No. 299

(b) O.J. No. L370, 31.12.85, p. 8

(c) S.R. 1987 No. 218; as amended by S.R. 1988 No. 297

“mobile crane” means a vehicle designed and constructed as a mobile crane which—

(a) is used on public roads only either as a crane in connection with work being carried on on a site in the immediate vicinity or for the purpose of proceeding to and from a place where it is to be used as a crane, and

(b) when so proceeding neither carries nor hauls any load other than is necessary for its propulsion or equipment;

“the Order” means the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;

“owner” means the person to whom a certificate is granted or transferred by the Department;

“play bus” means a vehicle which was originally constructed to carry more than 12 passengers but which has been adapted for the carriage of play things for children (including articles required in connection with the use of those things);

“road construction vehicle” means a vehicle constructed or adapted for use for the conveyance of built-in road construction machinery and not constructed or adapted for the conveyance of any other load except articles and material used for the purposes of that machinery;

“tower wagon” means a vehicle—

(a) into which there is built, as part of the vehicle, any expanding or extensible contrivance designed for facilitating the erection, inspection, repair or maintenance of overhead structures or equipment, and

(b) which is neither constructed nor adapted for use, nor used, for the conveyance of any load, except such a contrivance and articles used in connection therewith;

“vehicle” means a goods vehicle.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a) shall apply to these Regulations as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

PART II

APPLICATIONS

Application for certificate

3.—(1) An application for a certificate shall be made to the Department, on a form issued by the Department, at least two months before the date on which the certificate is to have effect.

(2) The applicant shall furnish all relevant particulars and make any relevant declaration specified in such form.

(3) Each application for a certificate shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as prescribed in Part I of the Table to regulation 7.

(4) Where an application is made by—

(a) a body corporate with its principal or registered office outside Northern Ireland; or

(b) a person residing outside Northern Ireland,

the applicant shall satisfy the conditions specified in paragraph (5).

(5) The conditions mentioned in paragraph (4) are that the applicant shall—

(a) have and retain during the currency of the certificate a place of business in Northern Ireland;

(b) undertake to accept service, at such place, of any summons or other document relating to any matter or offence arising in Northern Ireland in connection with the vehicle for which the certificate is applied for;

(c) undertake to appear at any court as required by such summons or other document; and

(d) admit and submit to the jurisdiction of the court relative to the subject matter of such summons or other document.

(6) Any non-performance of an undertaking required under paragraph (5) shall operate as an immediate revocation of a certificate.

Examination of vehicle and grant of certificate

4.—(1) The applicant shall, on being notified in writing by the Department, present the vehicle for examination in reasonably clean condition together with the registration book and previous certificate, if any, at the time and centre specified in the notice.

(2) A notice in respect of a trailer shall show the identification mark allotted by the Department prior to its first examination and the said mark shall, when the trailer is presented for examination, be permanently affixed to the chassis of the main structure of the trailer in a conspicuous and easily accessible position so as to be readily legible.

(3) Where after examining the vehicle the Department is satisfied that it complies with—

(a) the statutory requirements relating to the construction and condition of motor vehicles, their accessories and equipment; and

(b) as regards a vehicle in which recording equipment is required by Article 3 of the Community Recording Equipment Regulation to be installed and used, the requirements of so much of that Regulation as relates to the installation of recording equipment and the seals to be affixed to such equipment,

it shall grant a certificate.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), the examination shall include the items in Schedule 2 applicable to the vehicle being examined.

Refusal of certificate

5.—(1) Where the Department is not satisfied under regulation 4(3) it shall serve written notice on the applicant stating the reasons for refusal to grant a certificate.

(2) The Department shall refuse to grant a certificate where such refusal is required by or is necessary to give effect to a disqualification ordered under section 18(1) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(a).

Re-examination of vehicle

6.—(1) Where a certificate is refused under regulation 5(1) and the defects mentioned in the notice are remedied an applicant may make a further application for a certificate on a form issued by the Department and the Department shall carry out a further examination of the vehicle.

(2) The fee payable on such an application shall be the amount prescribed in Part I of the Table to regulation 7.

(3) Where an application is made under paragraph (1) within 21 days from the date of service of the notice and the vehicle is presented for re-examination on a date and at a time appointed by the Department, the fee payable shall be the amount prescribed in Part II of the Table to regulation 7.

Fees

7. The fee payable, in pursuance of regulation 3(3) or 6(2) or (3), on an application for a certificate for a vehicle of a weight specified in column (1) of Part I or II of the following Table, shall be the fee specified in column (2) relative to that weight.

TABLE

PART I

Fee Payable on Application under regulation 3(3) or 6(2)

(1) <i>Class of Vehicle</i>	(2) <i>Amount of Fee</i>
1,525 kilograms unladen or under	£ 15.50
Over 1,525 kilograms unladen	£ 28.00
Trailer	£ 15.25

PART II

Fee Payable on Application under regulation 6(3)

(1) <i>Class of Vehicle</i>	(2) <i>Amount of Fee</i>
1,525 kilograms unladen or under	£ 7.75
Over 1,525 kilograms unladen	£14.25
Trailer	£ 8.25

Refunds

8.—(1) The fees paid in pursuance of regulation 3(3) or 6(2) or (3) shall be repaid—

- (a) if no appointment for an examination of the vehicle is made or the appointment made is subsequently cancelled by the Department;
- (b) if the person for whom the appointment is made gives to the Department, at the centre where the examination is to be held, notice cancelling the appointment of not less than 3 clear working days before the date of the appointment;
- (c) if the person for whom the appointment is made keeps the appointment but the examination does not take place, or is not completed, for reasons attributable neither to him nor to the vehicle presented for examination; or
- (d) if the person for whom the appointment is made satisfies the Department that the vehicle cannot, or, as the case may be, could not reasonably be presented for examination on the date of appointment due to exceptional circumstances occurring not more than 7 days before the said date and of which notice is given within 3 days of the occurrence thereof to the Department at the centre where the examination is or, as the case may be, was to be held.

(2) In this regulation—

“working day” means a day on which the centre at which the appointment was made is open to the public; and

“exceptional circumstances” means an accident, a fire, an epidemic, severe weather, a failure in the supply of essential services or other unexpected happening (excluding a breakdown or mechanical defect in a vehicle or non-delivery of spare parts therefor).

Duplicate certificate

9.—(1) If the owner satisfies the Department that the certificate has been lost, accidentally defaced or destroyed, the Department shall issue to him in respect of that vehicle a duplicate certificate, so marked, on payment of a fee of £8·25.

(2) An application for a duplicate certificate shall be on a form issued by the Department.

(3) In the case of the loss of a certificate, if at any time after the issue of a duplicate certificate the original certificate is found, the owner shall take all reasonable steps to obtain possession of such original and shall return it to the nearest centre or to any police station.

PART III

CERTIFICATES

Certificate

10.—(1) A certificate granted under regulation 4(3) shall be in the form specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Part 2 of the certificate shall be attached to the vehicle in a securely fitted weather-proof holder and shall be carried on the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is on a road and shall be displayed—

- (a) in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front windscreen extending across the vehicle to its near side, on the near side of the windscreen so that all particulars on Part II are clearly visible by daylight from in front of the vehicle; or
- (b) in all other cases, on the near side of the vehicle not less than 610 millimetres and not more than 1,830 millimetres above the surface of the road so that all particulars on Part II are clearly visible by daylight to a person standing at the near side of the vehicle.

Conditions of certificate

11. The owner—

- (a) shall not permit the vehicle to be used for any illegal purpose;
- (b) shall at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection, examination or testing of the vehicle to which the certificate relates—
 - (i) produce the vehicle at such time and place as may be specified by any inspector of vehicles, and
 - (ii) afford to any inspector of vehicles full facilities for such inspection, examination or testing, including access to the owner's premises for that purpose;
- (c) shall cause the vehicle and all its fittings to be maintained and kept in good order and repair and shall take all practical means to ensure that all mechanical parts, including the brakes, are free from defects and in efficient working order; and
- (d) shall, if any alteration in design or construction of the vehicle has been made since the certificate was issued, immediately communicate full particulars of such alteration to the centre nearest to the place where the vehicle is ordinarily kept.

Alteration of certificate and similar offences

12.—(1) A person shall not—

- (a) by writing, drawing or in any other manner alter, deface, mutilate or add anything to a certificate; or
 - (b) display upon a vehicle a certificate which has been altered, defaced, mutilated or added to or upon which the figures or particulars have become illegible by fading or otherwise.
- (2) A certificate altered, defaced, mutilated or added to shall be void.

Transfer of certificate

13.—(1) The owner on the sale or other change of ownership of a vehicle shall forward the certificate granted in respect of such vehicle together with the name and address of the transferee to the nearest centre and the Department may transfer the certificate to the transferee.

(2) In the case of the death or any infirmity of mind or body of the owner during the currency of a certificate, the Department, may transfer the certificate on application by any person to such applicant.

(3) A certificate transferred in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) shall continue in force for the remainder of the period it covers.

(4) Save as provided by paragraph (1) or (2), a certificate shall not be assigned or transferred and any certificate otherwise assigned or transferred shall be void as from the date of such assignment or transfer.

Change of address of owner

14. If the owner during the currency of his certificate changes his address, he shall communicate forthwith particulars of such change to the nearest centre.

Revocation or suspension of certificate

15.—(1) The Department may revoke or suspend a certificate—

- (a) if the certificate has been obtained by any misrepresentation;
- (b) if the owner fails to comply with any of the conditions upon which the certificate issued to him has been granted;
- (c) if, in the opinion of the Department, the vehicle fails to conform with the requirements referred to in regulation 4(3); or
- (d) where such revocation or suspension is required by or is necessary to give effect to a disqualification ordered under section 18(1) of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967.

(2) In the event of a revocation or suspension under paragraph (1)(a) to (c)—

- (a) the Department shall serve on the owner written notice of such revocation or suspension and the certificate shall be deemed to be revoked or suspended as from the date of such service; and
- (b) the owner shall deliver the certificate to the place specified in the notice within 7 days from the date of service of the notice.

(3) If, in the opinion of an inspector of vehicles, the defects found on inspection, examination or testing of a vehicle under regulation 11(b) are—

- (a) such as to render the vehicle unsuitable or dangerous for use on a road, the inspector shall—
 - (i) notify the driver of such defects,
 - (ii) remove the certificate, and
 - (iii) forthwith, by notice in writing served on the driver or the owner, suspend the certificate until such time as the defects have been remedied; or
- (b) of a minor nature, the inspector shall—
 - (i) notify the driver or owner of such defects, and
 - (ii) require the owner to remedy them within 14 days and if such owner fails to comply with this requirement the certificate shall be subject to suspension or revocation and delivery in the manner prescribed by paragraph (2).

Markings on vehicle

16. The owner or driver of a vehicle in respect of which a certificate has been granted shall not use or cause or permit the vehicle to be used unless—

- (a) the name and address of the owner are printed in legible letters in a conspicuous position on the near side of the vehicle; and
- (b) in the case of a vehicle the unladen weight of which exceeds 1,020 kilograms and which is constructed or adapted to carry a load, the unladen weight is painted or otherwise plainly marked upon some conspicuous part of the right or off-side of the vehicle:

Provided that in the case of an articulated vehicle the weights of the heavy motor car or motor car, as the case may be, and trailer which make up the unladen weight shall be marked accordingly on the respective vehicles.

PART IV

AMENDMENTS TO THE ORDER

Amendments to the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

17. In the Order—

(a) after Article 2(3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of this Order—

- (a) a trailer with an unladen weight exceeding 1,020 kilograms; or
- (b) any other vehicle with an unladen weight exceeding 1,525 kilograms,

shall be taken to be a vehicle with a permissible maximum weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms.”;

(b) in Article 53(3) (vehicles to which Article 53 does not apply)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (f) after the word “vehicle” insert “having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kilograms”, and

(ii) for sub-paragraph (g) substitute—

“(g) to the use of a vehicle for police or fire brigade purposes;”;

and

(c) for Article 214(3) (application of Order to the Crown) substitute—

“(3) Subject to the foregoing paragraphs the provisions of this Order, other than—

(a) Articles 53 and 54, insofar as they apply to vehicles having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kilograms,

(b) Article 58(1), insofar as it applies to regulations for the purpose of Articles 53 and 54 in respect of such vehicles, and

(c) Articles 55 to 57, 58(2) and Part VIII,

shall bind the Crown.”.

PART V

EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from the requirement to have a goods vehicle certificate

18. Article 53 of the Order shall not apply to the use of—

- (1) a vehicle constructed or adapted for, and used solely for, spreading material on roads to deal with frost, ice or snow;
- (2) an agricultural motor vehicle;
- (3) an agricultural trailer drawn on any road only by an agricultural motor vehicle;
- (4) an agricultural trailed appliance;
- (5) a vehicle exempted from duty under section 7(1) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a) and any trailer drawn by such a vehicle;
- (6) a vehicle in respect of which a goods vehicle test certificate under section 49 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(b) is in force;
- (7) a trailer brought into Northern Ireland and having a base outside Northern Ireland from which the use of a vehicle on a journey is normally commenced, a period of 12 months not having elapsed since the vehicle in question was last brought into Northern Ireland;
- (8) a pedestrian-controlled vehicle;
- (9) an industrial tractor;
- (10) a track-laying vehicle;
- (11) a steam propelled vehicle;
- (12) a vehicle during the period of 12 months from the date of its being registered for the first time under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 or the corresponding Great Britain legislation:

Provided that where a vehicle has been used on roads (whether in Northern Ireland or elsewhere) before being so registered, the said Article shall not apply to the use of the vehicle during the period of 12 months from the date of its manufacture rather than from the date of its being so registered.

For the purposes of this proviso—

(a) there shall be disregarded the use of a vehicle—

- (i) before it is sold or supplied by retail; or
- (ii) before it is registered by the Department under section 19(1)(b) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(c) (registration when Department receives from a motor dealer particulars of a vehicle to which the dealer has assigned a mark under section 20 of that Act) and after a mark is so assigned to it,

(a) 1972 c. 10 (N.I.)

(b) 1988 c. 52

(c) Sections 19(1)(b) and 20 are modified by the transitional provisions of Sch. 9 of the said Act of 1972

- (b) the date of manufacture of a vehicle shall be taken to be the last day of the year during which its final assembly is completed, except where after that day modifications are made to the vehicle before it is sold or supplied by retail, and in the said excepted case shall be taken to be the last day of the year during which the modifications are completed, and
- (c) "sold or supplied by retail" means first sold or supplied otherwise than to a person acquiring solely for the purposes of resale or of re-supply for a valuable consideration;
- (13) a mobile crane;
- (14) a break-down vehicle;
- (15) engineering plant and plant, not being engineering plant, which is moveable plant or equipment being a motor vehicle or trailer (not constructed primarily to carry a load) specially designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations;
- (16) a trailer being drying or mixing plant designed for the production of asphalt or a bituminous or tar macadam;
- (17) a tower wagon;
- (18) a road construction vehicle or a road roller;
- (19) a works truck, a straddle carrier used solely as a works truck and a works trailer;
- (20) a vehicle used solely for clearing frost, ice or snow from roads by means of a snow plough or specialised equipment whether forming part of the vehicle or not;
- (21) a vehicle used only for the haulage of lifeboats and the conveyance of the necessary gear of the lifeboats which are being hauled;
- (22) a living van the unladen weight of which does not exceed 1,525 kilograms;
- (23) a vehicle constructed or adapted for, and used primarily for the purpose of, carrying equipment permanently fixed to the vehicle which equipment is used for medical, dental, veterinary, health, educational, display, clerical or experimental laboratory purposes, such use not directly involving the sale, hire or loan of goods from the vehicle;
- (24) a trailer which has no brakes other than a parking brake and brakes which automatically come into operation when a trailer moves up on the drawing vehicle;
- (25) a vehicle to which any of the statutory requirements referred to in regulation 4(3)(a) do not apply by virtue of either of the following provisions of the Table to regulation 3(4) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 namely—
- (a) item 1 (which relates to a vehicle proceeding to a port for export), or
- (b) item 4 (which relates to a vehicle in the service of a visiting force or of a headquarters);

- (26) a vehicle equipped with new or improved equipment or types of equipment and used solely by a manufacturer of vehicles or their equipment or by an importer of vehicles, for or in connection with the test or trial of any such equipment;
- (27) a vehicle temporarily in Northern Ireland displaying a registration mark described in regulation 2(1) of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(a), a period of 12 months not having elapsed since the vehicle was last brought into Northern Ireland;
- (28) a vehicle first used before 1st January 1960, which is used unladen and not drawing a laden trailer, and a trailer manufactured before 1st January 1960 and used unladen.

For the purposes of this paragraph any determination as to when a motor vehicle is first used shall be made as provided in regulation 2(4) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989;

- (29) a vehicle constructed, and not merely adapted, for the purpose of road cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies and which are either—
 - (a) a three-wheeled vehicle, or
 - (b) a vehicle which—
 - (i) is incapable by reason of its construction of exceeding a speed of 20 miles per hour on the level under its own power, and
 - (ii) has an inside track of less than 810 millimetres;
- (30) a vehicle designed and used for servicing, controlling, loading or unloading aircraft—
 - (a) on an aerodrome as defined in section 19(1) of the Aerodromes Act (Northern Ireland) 1971(b), or
 - (b) on a road outside such an aerodrome if, except when proceeding directly from one part of such an aerodrome to another part thereof, the vehicle is unladen and is not drawing a laden trailer;
- (31) a vehicle designed for use, and used on an aerodrome mentioned in paragraph (30), solely for road cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies or cesspools;
- (32) a heavy motor car or a motor car constructed or adapted for the purpose of forming part of an articulated vehicle and which is used for drawing only a trailer falling within a class of vehicle specified in paragraphs (22), (23) or (24) or a trailer being used for or in connection with any purpose for which it is authorised to be used on roads by an order under Article 29(3) of the Order;

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 79

(b) 1971 c. 15 (N.I.)

- (33) a play bus;
- (34) a trailer, not being a converter dolly or a semi-trailer, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 1,020 kilograms; or
- (35) a vehicle for any of the following purposes—
 - (a) for submitting it by previous arrangement for, or bringing it away from, or in the course of, an examination under regulation 4 or 6,
 - (b) where a certificate is refused under regulation 5—
 - (i) for delivering it by previous arrangement at, or bringing it away from, a place where work is to be or has been done on it to remedy for further examination the defects on the ground of which the certificate was refused; or
 - (ii) for delivering it, by towing it, to a place where it is to be broken up,
 - (c) for any purpose connected with its removal, detention, seizure, condemnation or forfeiture under any provision of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979(a),
 - (d) for the purpose of being driven or drawn unladen by a vehicle driven under a trade licence issued under section 16(1) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972,
 - (e) where it has been imported for the first time into Northern Ireland for the purpose of being driven or drawn after arrival in Northern Ireland to a place where it is to be kept by the person importing the vehicle or by any other person on whose behalf the vehicle has been imported.

In this paragraph any such importation as is referred to in paragraph (27) shall be disregarded,

- (f) for any purpose for which the vehicle is authorised to be used on roads by an order under Article 29(3) of the Order, or
- (g) removing it in pursuance of bye-laws made under Article 107(1) or removing it under Article 171(2) of the Order or Article 30 of the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978(b).

PART VI

REVOCATION

Revocation

19. The Regulations specified in Schedule 3 are revoked.

(a) 1979 c. 2

(b) S.I. 1978/1049 (N.I. 19)

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 7th June 1990.

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Trevor Pearson

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves regulations 7, 8 and 9(1).

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Derek A. Hill

Assistant Secretary

FORM OF GOODS VEHICLE CERTIFICATE

Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981

Goods Vehicle Certificate No.

PART I

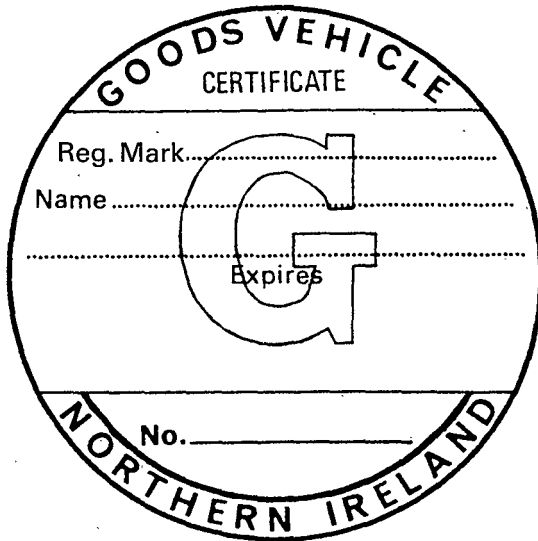
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Registration Mark Issued by

PART II



ROAD TRAFFIC (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1981

GOODS VEHICLE CERTIFICATE No.

PART III

This certificate is granted subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned Order and of any Regulations from time to time made thereunder and shall remain in force till the date hereof unless revoked or suspended before the expiration of that period. This certificate may be revoked or suspended if the owner fails to comply with any of the conditions upon which it has been granted, set out overleaf.

Any person who forges, fraudulently alters or uses or fraudulently lends to or allows to be used by any other person, any mark for identifying a vehicle or any

certificate shall be guilty of an offence under the Order and shall be liable on conviction on indictment to a fine or imprisonment for 2 years or both or on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (currently £2,000) or imprisonment for 6 months or both.

The person to whom a certificate is issued shall be responsible for the observance of the conditions under which the certificate is granted.

Any certificate altered, defaced, mutilated or added to shall be void.

Registration Mark Expiry Date

Important: At least two months before the expiration of the certificate, application should be made for a new one, the necessary form being obtainable at any centre or local vehicle licensing office of the Department.

Please Retain this Portion to produce with Application for Vehicle Excise Duty (Motor Tax)

CONDITIONS

(1) The owner shall at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection, examination or testing of the vehicle to which this certificate relates—

- (a) produce the vehicle at such time and place as may be specified by any inspector of vehicles; and
- (b) afford to any inspector of vehicles full facilities for such inspection, examination or testing, including access to the owner's premises for that purpose.

(2) The owner shall cause the vehicle and all its fittings to be maintained and kept in good order and repair and shall take all practical means to ensure that all mechanical parts, including the brakes, are free from defects and in efficient working order.

(3) If any alteration in design or construction of the vehicle has been made since the certificate was issued, the owner shall immediately communicate full particulars of such alteration to the centre nearest to the place where the vehicle is ordinarily kept.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The owner shall notify every change in his address to the nearest centre.

Items included in examination

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 - 4.1.1 Condition and operation
 - 4.1.2 Alignment
 - 4.1.3 Switches
 - 4.1.4 Visual efficiency
 - 4.2 Side lamps
 - 4.2.1 Condition and operation
 - 4.2.2 Colour and visual efficiency

- 4.3 Stop lamps
 - 4.3.1 Condition and operation
 - 4.3.2 Colour and visual efficiency
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 - 4.4.1 Condition and operation
 - 4.4.2 Colour and visual efficiency
 - 4.4.3 Switches
 - 4.4.4 Flashing frequency
- 4.5 Front and rear fog lamps
 - 4.5.1 Position
 - 4.5.2 Condition and operation
 - 4.5.3 Colour and visual efficiency
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- 4.9 Electrical connections between tractor vehicle and trailer or semi-trailer
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- 5. AXLES, WHEELS, TYRES AND SUSPENSION
 - 5.1 Axles
 - 5.2 Wheels and tyres
 - 5.3 Suspension
- 6. CHASSIS AND CHASSIS ATTACHMENTS
 - 6.1 Chassis or frame and attachment
 - 6.1.1 General condition
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 - 6.1.3 Fuel tank and pipes
 - 6.1.4 Spare wheel carrier
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 - 6.2 Cab and bodywork
 - 6.2.1 General condition
 - 6.2.2 Mounting

- 6.2.3 Doors and locks
- 6.2.4 Floor
- 6.2.5 Driver's seat
- 6.2.6 Running boards

7. OTHER EQUIPMENT

- 7.1 Audible warning device
- 7.2 Speedometer (presence of)
- 7.3 Tachograph (presence of, and integrity of seals)

8. NUISANCE

- 8.1 Check of exhaust system for leaks

9. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1 Registration plate
- 9.2 Chassis number

Regulations revoked

<i>Title</i>	<i>Year and Number</i>
Goods Vehicles (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982	S.R. 1982 No. 46
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982	S.R. 1982 No. 397
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1983	S.R. 1983 No. 298
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984	S.R. 1984 No. 255
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986	S.R. 1986 No. 231
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987	S.R. 1987 No. 352
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1988	S.R. 1988 No. 373
Goods Vehicles (Certification) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989	S.R. 1989 No. 235

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations consolidate with amendments the Goods Vehicles (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and the Regulations which amended them as specified in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

The principal amendments are as follows:

- (1) application for a certificate shall be made at least two months (previously one month) before the date on which it is to have effect (regulation 3(1));
- (2) the fees payable on application or re-application for certificates for goods vehicles and trailers are increased as follows:—
 - (a) for vehicles not exceeding 1,525 kilograms unladen weight from £14.30 to £15.50;
 - (b) for vehicles exceeding 1,525 kilograms unladen weight from £26.50 to £28.00;
 - (c) for trailers from £14.50 to £15.25;
 - (d) where re-application is made within 21 days from a notice of refusal and the vehicle is presented for re-examination on a date arranged by the Department of the Environment—
 - (i) for vehicles not exceeding 1,525 kilograms unladen weight from £7.15 to £7.75;
 - (ii) for vehicles exceeding 1,525 kilograms unladen weight from £13.50 to £14.25; and
 - (iii) for trailers from £7.75 to £8.25 (regulation 7); and
 - (e) on application for a duplicate certificate for a goods vehicle or trailer from £7.25 to £8.25 (regulation 9);
- (3) the certificate is divided into 3 parts, Part II of which is to be displayed on the vehicle (regulation 10).

The Regulations set out in Schedule 3 are revoked (regulation 19).

Any person who acts in contravention of the Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £400).

A copy of the EEC Regulation referred to in regulation 2(1) may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.