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Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997

Part III

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOADS AND OTHER VEHICLES CARRYING WIDE LOADS

Marking of projecting loads and fixed appliances or apparatus which project

26.—(1) This Article applies in a case where a vehicle the use of which is authorised by Article 19 or 21—

- (a) carries a load which—
 - (i) has a forward or rearward projection exceeding 1.07 metres in length, or
 - (ii) has a rearward projection exceeding 1.07 metres in length but not exceeding 1.83 metres in length; or
- (b) is fitted with a special appliance or apparatus which—
 - (i) has a forward or rearward projection exceeding 1.83 metres in length, or
 - (ii) has a rearward projection exceeding 1.07 metres in length but not exceeding 1.83 metres in length.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4) and (5)—

- (a) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) of paragraph (1) the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to the Construction and Use Regulations shall be complied with and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 3 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph; and
- (b) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(ii) or in sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of paragraph (1) the conditions specified in paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 10 shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 4 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph.

(3) Where, in any of the cases mentioned in paragraph (1), a vehicle is carrying a load or is fitted with a special appliance or apparatus and the load or the appliance or the apparatus has, in relation to the vehicle, a forward projection or a rearward projection, and another vehicle is attached to that end of the vehicle from which the load, or as the case may be, the appliance or apparatus projects and is attached to that vehicle in such a manner that—

- (a) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the foremost part of the projection or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the rearmost part of the projection, or

- (b) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost part of the projection extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost part of the projection extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle, then—
 - (i) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), the provisions of paragraph (2) shall not apply as respects any projection, and
 - (ii) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (b), the provisions of paragraph (2) shall apply as if each of the references in paragraph (1) to a rearward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a rearward projection as extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle and as if the reference in paragraph (1) to a forward projection were treated to so much of a forward projection as extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle measured, in either case, when the longitudinal axis of each vehicle lies in the same vertical plane between vertical planes at right angles to the said longitudinal axis and passing, in the case of a rearward projection, through the rearmost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point or, in the case of a forward projection, through the foremost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point.
- (4) This Article shall not apply to a motor vehicle or trailer while it is being used—
 - (a) for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or for defence purposes (including civil defence purposes); or
 - (b) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic,

if, in any such case compliance with any provision of this Article would hinder or would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

(5) Notwithstanding that paragraph (2)(a) provides for the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to the Construction and Use Regulations to be complied with as respects a load which has a projection to which sub-paragraph (a)(i) of paragraph (1) applies, those conditions in relation to the exhibition of the end projection surface on that projection need not be complied with in the case of such a load which carries a rear marking in accordance with the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(1).