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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1997 No. 109**

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

**Part III**

**ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOADS AND OTHER VEHICLES CARRYING WIDE LOADS**

**Notice to police**

**28.**—(1) This Article applies in a case where—

- (a) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 19 or 21, or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load, exceeds 2.9 metres; or
- (b) the overall length of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 19 or 21 or of the vehicle together with any forward or rearward projection of its load exceeds 18.3 metres; or
- (c) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by Article 19 or 21) which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, a load is carried in such a manner that its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles being—

- (i) the motor vehicle and one trailer whether constituting an articulated vehicle or not, or
- (ii) any other combination of vehicles,

and, in the case at (i), the overall length of the trailer together with the length of any forward projection of the load extending beyond the foremost point of the trailer and any rearward projection of the load exceeds 18.3 metres and, in the case at (ii), the overall length of the vehicles together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 18.3 metres; or

- (d) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised by Article 19 or 21) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle exceeds 25.9 metres; or
- (e) a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 19 or 21 is carrying a load having a forward or rearward projection exceeding 3.05 metres in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection as aforesaid, or
- (f) the total weight of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 19 or 21 or of such a vehicle and its load or, in a case where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised), is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, the total weight of the combination of vehicles or of the said combination and of any load carried by any vehicle comprised therein exceeds 80,000 kilograms; or

(g) the use of a vehicle on roads is authorised by Article 23.

(2) Save in so far as the Chief Constable dispenses with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to the length or the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the user of the vehicle, or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice to the Chief Constable and such notice shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and contain the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 5.

(3) Subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by the Chief Constable, and subject to any delay which may be occasioned by reason of a direction given by a police constable, in the interests of road safety or to avoid undue traffic congestion, to the driver of a vehicle to halt it in a place on or adjacent to the road on which the vehicle is travelling, the vehicle or vehicles shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with paragraph (2) as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if any dimension of measurement relating to the vehicle or the vehicles (including one relating to a combination of vehicles) or to a special appliance or apparatus or to a load to be carried, being a dimension or measurement of which particulars have been given as aforesaid, is not exceeded.