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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Designation of Relevant External Law) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - - 19th February 2003

Coming into operation 3rd April 2003

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 5(2)(c) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Designation of Relevant External Law) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 3rd April 2003.

Designation of relevant external law

- 2.** The laws for the time being in force in –
- (a) Guernsey,
 - (b) the Isle of Man, and
 - (c) Jersey

which respectively correspond to Part II of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(b) are hereby designated as laws which make satisfactory provision for the granting of licences to drive all classes of goods vehicle and all classes of passenger-carrying vehicle.

Revocation

3. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Designation of Relevant External Law) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992(c) and the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Designation of Relevant External Law) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994(d) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 19th February 2003.

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department of the Environment

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); *See* Art. 2(2) for the definition of “Department”; Article 5 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.I. 1991/ 197 (N.I. 3) and amended by S.R. 1996 No. 426, Schedule 1, paragraph 2

(b) Part II was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3)

(c) S.R. 1992 No. 501

(d) S.R. 1994 No. 43

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

With effect from 1st January 1997, the Driving Licences (Community Driving Licence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 amended Article 5 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 so that a licence under Part II of that Order may not be granted to a person who has passed a driving test under the law applicable in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. Licences granted in any of those islands authorising the driving of classes of goods or passenger-carrying vehicle continue to be exchangeable for corresponding licences in Northern Ireland if the relevant law makes satisfactory provision for the grant of those licences.

This Order revokes earlier Orders, which applied to both driving tests and licences, and re-enacts the designation of the laws of the Isle of Man and Jersey as making satisfactory provision for granting all classes of goods and passenger-carrying vehicle licence.

The Order also designates for the first time the law of Guernsey as one which makes satisfactory provision for the granting of licences to drive such vehicles.

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