
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amends the Goods Vehicles (Testing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (“the 2003 Regulations”), to give effect to the relevant requirements of [Directive 2014/45/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3rd April 2014 on periodic Road Worthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers **(1)**.

These Regulations amend regulation 3 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2003 Regulations to bring certain category “N” vehicles, certain category “O” trailers and certain motor tractors within the scope of the 2003 Regulations. New exemptions have been created for vehicles with a maximum design speed of less than 15.5 mph, showman’s vehicles and certain purpose built mobile machinery.

The Regulations also amend Schedule 3 of the 2003 Regulations to prescribe additional testing requirements in relation to front fog lamps and reversing lamps and steering locks.

These Regulations amend regulation 13 of the 2003 Regulations to prescribe a limit on the time allowed for retesting follow an initial test failure.

An Explanatory Memorandum and Transposition Note have been produced and are available from the Safe and Sustainable Travel Division, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Towns Parks, Belfast, BT2 8GB or online alongside these Regulations at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>

(1) O.J. L127, 29.04.2014. p.51