

ROAD TRAFFIC

REGULATIONS, DATED 11TH FEBRUARY 1970, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 3(2), 30(2) AND 189(1) OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Sections 3(2), 30(2) and 189(1) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970.

Revocation

2. The Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(b) are hereby revoked.

Amendment of definition of invalid carriages

3. For the purposes of the Act and all regulations made thereunder the maximum weight specified in Section 30(1)(g) of the Act (which relates to the classification of invalid carriages for the purposes of the Act shall be increased to eight hundredweight.

Provision as to driving tests and licences

4. A person who has passed the test of competence prescribed under Part I of the Act to drive an invalid carriage shall be deemed to have passed the test in respect of an invalid carriage as redefined by virtue of the preceding Regulation, and any licence to drive an invalid carriage shall be deemed to license the holder to drive an invalid carriage as so redefined.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 11th day of February 1970.

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W. G. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963 provided that the maximum unladen weight of invalid carriages should be raised from five to six hundredweight for the purposes of the statutory definition. However, modern types of invalid carriage now weigh more than this, and the purpose of these Regulations is to ensure that these vehicles and their drivers are subject to the same restrictions and receive the same concessions as were intended to apply in respect of invalid carriages.