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HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES (DRIVERS' LICENCES)

REGULATIONS, DATED 30TH MARCH 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 66(3)(c) AND 71 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers vested in it by sections 66(3)(c) and 71 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973.

2. The Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970(b) shall have effect as though:—

(1) in Regulation 16 for sub-paragraph (1)(b) there were substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

“(b) examiners appointed for that purpose by the Secretary of State in so far as concerns the testing of persons subject to the Naval Discipline Act 1957(c), to military law or to air force law, or of persons employed in the driving of motor vehicles for the purposes of the naval, military or air forces of Her Majesty raised in the United Kingdom.”

(2) in Regulation 23:—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(n), for the word “registered” there were substituted the word “manufactured”; and

(b) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (r), there were inserted the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(s) a vehicle (other than an articulated vehicle) having an unladen weight not exceeding 10 tons, being a vehicle which belongs to the holder of a public service vehicle licence granted under section 55 of the Act or is in his possession under an agreement for hire purchase, hire or loan, when driven in his behalf by a person who holds a licence to drive public service vehicles granted under section 65 of the Act for the purpose of—

(i) proceeding to or returning from a place where assistance is to be, or has been, rendered to a disabled vehicle, being a vehicle in respect of which, at the time when it became disabled, a public service vehicle licence granted under the said section 55 was in force, or

(ii) moving such a disabled vehicle so as to prevent its causing an obstruction or towing it from the place where it has become disabled to a place where it is to be repaired, stored or broken up; and

(a) 1970. c. 2 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1970, No. 40, as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 137.

(c) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 53.

- (t) a vehicle fitted with a crane which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture, being a vehicle which—
- (i) is used solely for dealing with disabled vehicles,
 - (ii) is not constructed or adapted for the conveyance of a load other than water, fuel, accumulators, loose tools and loose equipment, and
 - (iii) has an unladen weight not exceeding 3 tons.”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 30th day of March 1973.

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Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 23 of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1970 specifies the classes of heavy goods vehicles which are exempted from Part IV of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (which relates to the licensing of drivers of heavy goods vehicles). These Regulations amend Regulation 23 by providing for the exemption—

- (a) of vehicles manufactured before 1st January 1940 (instead of vehicles registered before that date); and
- (b) of certain vehicles used as breakdown vehicles.

A minor amendment to Regulation 16 now enables certificates of competence signed by examiners appointed by the Secretary of State to be accepted in respect of members of the armed forces.