
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order modifies, in relation to drivers of passenger vehicles and goods vehicles, the requirements of section 96 of the Transport Act 1968 (which relates to permitted driving times and periods of duty).

Part II of the Order relates to drivers of passenger vehicles. It revokes the Drivers' Hours (Passenger Vehicles) (Modifications) Order 1970 and provides for modification of the requirements as to the intervals for rest and refreshment which a driver must have during a working day (Article 4(2)), the length of the working day (Article 4(3)), the intervals for rest between working days (Article 4(4)) and the period off duty in a working week (Article 4(6)).

The Order also provides that the requirements as to the maximum periods of duty of a driver in a working week are not to apply (Article 4(5)) and that none of the requirements of section 96 will apply in the case of a driver who, in a working week, does not drive for a period or periods of more than four hours in more than two of the twenty-four hour periods beginning at midnight which make up that week if, in relation to any such twenty-four hour periods, certain conditions are complied with (Article 4(7)).

Part III of the Order relates to drivers of goods vehicles. It amends the Drivers' Hours (Goods Vehicles) (Modifications) Order 1970 so as to extend, in relation to vehicles used solely in connection with the business of cinematography or of radio or television broadcasting, the exemptions from certain of the provisions of the said section 96 applicable to light goods vehicles (Article 5(a)) and to extend, in relation to vehicles driven in the course of operations of quarrying, the provisions of section 96(9) under which time spent in driving a vehicle elsewhere than on a road is, in certain cases, not taken into account for certain of the purposes of that section (Article 5(b)).