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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 297**

**ROADS**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**Motorways Traffic (Amendment)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

*Made* - - - - - *29th June 1999*

*Coming into operation* *1st September 1999*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 20(3) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(1) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motorways Traffic (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1999.

**Amendments**

2. The Motorways Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(2) shall be amended as follows—

(1) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation)—

(a) immediately before the definition of “central reservation” insert the following definitions—

““bus” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 28 seated passengers (exclusive of the driver);

“bus lane” means the area of hard shoulder of the length of motorway specified in the Schedule;”;

(b) for the definition of “traffic sign” substitute the following definition—

““traffic sign” has the meaning assigned to it by Article 28 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(3);”;

(c) immediately after the definition of “verge” insert the following definition—

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(1) S.I.1993/3160 (N.I. 15); see Article 2(2) for the definition of “the Department”

(2) S.R. 1984 No. 160 to which there are no relevant amendments

(3) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)

““week-day” means a day which is neither a Saturday nor a Sunday.”.

(2) In regulation 4 (vehicles to be driven on the carriageway only) immediately after “7(2),” insert “9A,”.

(3) For regulation 9 (restriction on the use of hard shoulder) substitute the following—

“9. Subject to regulations 7(2) and (3), 9A and 14 a vehicle shall not be driven or stop or remain at rest on any hard shoulder.

9A. Save as provided in regulations 7(2) and 14, a person shall not, during the hours 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on a week-day, cause or permit any vehicle other than a bus to enter, proceed or wait in a bus lane.”.

(4) In regulation 13(1)(b) (use of motorway by excluded traffic) delete the words “: Provided that no person shall at any time while on foot go or remain on any part of a motorway other than a verge or hard shoulder except insofar as it is necessary for him to do so to get to a verge or hard shoulder or to secure compliance with any of these regulations or to recover or move any object which has fallen on a motorway or to give help which is required by any other person in any of the circumstances specified in regulation 7(1) or (2)”.

(5) In regulation 14 (exceptions and relaxations)—

(a) immediately after “9” insert “, 9A”; and

(b) in paragraphs (b), (d), (e) and (f) delete the words “subject to the proviso in regulation 13(1) (b)”.

(6) Insert the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on

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29th June 1999.

*J. Carlisle*  
Assistant Secretary

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(6).

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Regulation 1(2)

The area of the citybound hard shoulder of that length of the Motorway M1 which extends from a point approximately 485 metres north-east of the north-eastern end of the north-western parapet wall of Stockman’s Lane Bridge to its junction with the Donegall Road roundabout, bounded on its south-easterly side by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a broken longitudinal white line or the outer edge of a road marking in the form of two continuous white lines encompassing white chevrons and on its north-westerly side by the outer edge of the row of kerbs separating the hard shoulder from the verge.”

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Motorways Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 by—

- (1) inserting new definitions for “bus”, “bus lane”, “traffic sign” and “week-day” (regulation 2(1));
- (2) permitting the area of hard shoulder of the length of motorway specified in the Schedule to be used as a bus lane during the hours 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on Monday to Friday (regulation 2(2) and (3)); and
- (3) deleting the proviso restricting persons on foot to the verge or hard shoulder (regulation 2(4)).