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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**1999 No. 454**

**Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

**Part IV**

**Conditions Relating to Use**

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*Laden Weight*

**Maximum permitted laden weight of a vehicle and trailer, other than an articulated vehicle**

**88.**—(1) The total laden weight of a motor vehicle and the trailers (other than semi-trailers) drawn by it shall not, in a case specified in an item in column 2 of the Table, exceed the maximum permitted train weight specified in that item in column 3.

(2) This regulation is subject to Schedule 14 (exemptions relating to combined transport operations).

(3) In this regulation, the expressions “road friendly suspension”, “twin tyres” and “unbalanced agricultural trailer” shall be construed in accordance with regulation 85(5), (6) and (7).

TABLE

(regulation 88(1))

(1) <i>Item</i>	(2) <i>Vehicle combination</i>	(3) <i>Maximum permitted train weight (kg)</i>
1.	A wheeled trailer which is drawn by a wheeled motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car (not being in any case an agricultural motor vehicle), where— (a) the combination has a total of 4 or more axles and is being used for international transport; and (b) the drawing vehicle is a vehicle which was first used on or after 1st April 1973 and complies	35,000

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(1) <i>Item</i>	(2) <i>Vehicle combination</i>	(3) <i>Maximum permitted train weight (kg)</i>
	with the relevant braking requirement.	
2.	<p>A wheeled trailer which is drawn by a wheeled motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car (not being in any case an agricultural motor vehicle), where the combination has a total of 4 axles and the following conditions are satisfied in relation to the drawing vehicle, namely—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it was first used on or after 1st April 1973;</li> <li>(b) it complies with the relevant braking requirement;</li> <li>(c) every driving axle not being a steering axle is fitted with twin tyres; and</li> <li>(d) every driving axle is fitted with road friendly suspension.</li> </ul>	35,000
3.	<p>A wheeled trailer which is drawn by a wheeled motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car (not being in any case an agricultural motor vehicle), where the combination has a total of 5 or more axles and the following conditions are satisfied in relation to the drawing vehicle, namely—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) it was first used on or after 1st April 1973;</li> <li>(b) it complies with the relevant braking requirement;</li> <li>(c) every driving axle not being a steering axle is fitted with twin tyres; and</li> <li>(d) either every driving axle is fitted with road friendly suspension or no axle has an axle weight exceeding 8,500 kg.</li> </ul>	38,000

(1) Item	(2) Vehicle combination	(3) Maximum permitted train weight (kg)
4.	A wheeled trailer, not being part of a combination described in items 1, 2 or 3, which is drawn by a wheeled motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car (not being in any case an agricultural motor vehicle), where— (a) the trailer is fitted with power-assisted brakes which can be operated by the driver of the drawing vehicle and are not rendered ineffective by the non-rotation of its engine; and (b) the drawing vehicle is equipped with a warning device so placed as to be readily visible to the driver of the vehicle and which is capable of indicating any impending failure of, or deficiency in, the vacuum or pressure system.	32,520
5.	A wheeled trailer which is of a description specified in item 8 in the Table of regulation 87 drawn by a wheeled motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car (not being in any case an agricultural motor vehicle), the drawing vehicle being a vehicle which— (a) was first used on or after 1st April 1973; and (b) complies with the relevant braking requirement.	29,500
6.	A wheeled agricultural motor vehicle drawing a wheeled unbalanced agricultural trailer, if the distance between the rearmost axle of the trailer and the rearmost axle of the drawing vehicle does not exceed 2.9 m.	20,000

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(1) Item	(2) Vehicle combination	(3) Maximum permitted train weight (kg)
7.	A wheeled trailer or trailers drawn by a wheeled motor tractor, heavy motor car, motor car or agricultural motor vehicle, not being a combination of vehicles mentioned in items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.	24,390
8.	A track-laying trailer drawn by a motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car whether wheeled or track-laying and a wheeled trailer, drawn by a track-laying vehicle being a motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car.	22,360

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