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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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**Over-riding weight restrictions**

**93.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (4), a person shall not use, or cause or permit to be used, on a road a vehicle—

- (a) fitted with a plate in accordance with regulation 79, if any of the weights shown on the plate is exceeded; or
- (b) required by regulation 81 to be fitted with a plate, if the maximum gross weight referred to in paragraph (2)(c) of that regulation is exceeded.

(2) Where any two or more axles are fitted with a compensating arrangement in accordance with regulation 28(3) the sum of the weights shall not be exceeded.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), nothing in regulations 87 to 91 or in the Motor Vehicles (Authorised Weight) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 shall permit any weight referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) to be exceeded and nothing in this regulation shall permit any weight prescribed by regulations 87 to 91 or in the Motor Vehicles (Authorised Weight) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 in relation to a vehicle to be exceeded.

(4) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where a vehicle is used on a road before 20th July 2000 if—

- (a) the vehicle is fitted with a plate in accordance with regulation 79(2) and the maximum gross weight, train weight and the maximum weight for any axle are not exceeded; and
- (b) the maximum authorised weight for the vehicle, maximum authorised weight for a combination of which the vehicle forms part and maximum authorised weight for any axle of the vehicle, determined in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Authorised Weight) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and the maximum gross weight are not exceeded.

(5) Paragraph (3) shall not apply in respect of item 11 in Part I of Schedule 11 to a vehicle being used in a combined transport operation and the requirements set out in Part II or Part III, as the case may be, of Schedule 14 are fulfilled.