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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 1753**

**The Motor Vehicles (Driver Testing  
and Vehicle Load) Regulations 2013**

**Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999**

2.—(1) The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999<sup>(1)</sup> are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3<sup>(2)</sup> (interpretation)—

(a) after the definitions of “Group 1 licence” and “Group 2 licence”, insert—

““IBC” means an intermediate bulk container, being one single sealed container—

- (a) made of plastic or metal;
- (b) designed for the storage and transport of fluids;
- (c) with a capacity of 1,000 litres;
- (d) having its capacity clearly marked on its exterior; and
- (e) filled to capacity with water;”.

(b) after the definition of “extended driving test”, insert—

““fire engine” means a category C motor vehicle that is being used—

- (a) in England or Wales, by a fire and rescue authority (as determined under section 1 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004<sup>(3)</sup>); or
- (b) in Scotland, by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (as established under section 1A of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005<sup>(4)</sup>);”.

(c) after the definition of “traffic commissioner”, insert—

““training load” means a load consisting of—

- (a) an IBC; or
- (b) training load packages that are all marked with the same nominal quantity by weight;

“training load package” means a product packaged in a transparent sealed bag so that the combination of the product and the individual bag in which it is packed is either or both of the following—

- (a) a “package” to which the Weights and Measures (Packaged Goods) Regulations 2006<sup>(5)</sup> “the 2006 Regulations” or the Weights and Measures

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<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 1999/2864, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(2)</sup> There are amendments to regulation 3 that are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(3)</sup> 2004 c.21; section 1 was amended by paragraphs 10(1) and (2) of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, c.36.

<sup>(4)</sup> 2005 asp 5. Section 1A was inserted by the Police and Fire Reform Act 2012 asp 8.

<sup>(5)</sup> S.I. 2006/659. These Regulations extend to Great Britain only. See regulation 2 for definitions of “importer”, “nominal quantity”, “package” and “packer”.

- (Packaged Goods) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011(6) “the 2011 Regulations” apply, and—
- (i) is marked in accordance with the requirements of regulation 5(1) of the 2006 Regulations or the 2011 Regulations as the case may be;
  - (ii) is marked with its nominal quantity by weight in accordance with regulation 8 of the 2006 Regulations or the 2011 Regulations as the case may be; and
  - (iii) that nominal quantity by weight so marked on the package is no less than 10kg; or
- (b) a “prepackage” to which Council [Directive 76/211/EEC](#)(7) applies, and—
- (i) is marked in accordance with points 3.1 and 3.2 of Annex I to that Directive; and
  - (ii) the nominal quantity by weight so marked on the prepackage is no less than 10kg.”.
- (3) In regulation 37(8)(test vehicles)—
- (a) in paragraphs (1) and (2), where the words “the Table” appear, substitute “Table 1”;
  - (b) in sub-paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of paragraph (3), where the words “the table” appear, substitute “Table 1”;
  - (c) for paragraph (7), substitute—
 

“(7) A person submitting himself for a practical test prescribed in respect of category B+E, C, C+E, D, or D+E shall provide a vehicle which is not carrying goods or burden other than either or both of the following—

    - (a) fixed items which are characteristic of the class to which it belongs;
    - (b) any load carried in accordance with paragraph (7A).”;
  - (d) after paragraph (7), insert—
 

“(7A) A person submitting himself for a practical test prescribed in respect of any of the categories or sub-categories shown in column 1 of Table 2 at the end of this regulation—

    - (a) may, during the period beginning with 15th August 2013 and ending with 14th November 2013, provide a vehicle which—
      - (i) is carrying a load of the nature and weight shown in column 2 of Table 2, in relation to that category or sub-category and description of vehicle; and
      - (ii) is loaded in such a way that the person authorised to conduct the test can visually assess the weight of the load without the load being disturbed;
    - (b) shall, on or after 15th November 2013, provide a vehicle which—
      - (i) is carrying a load of the nature and weight shown in column 2 of Table 2, in relation to that category or sub-category and description of vehicle; and
      - (ii) is loaded in such a way that the person authorised to conduct the test can visually assess the weight of the load without the load being disturbed.”;

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(6) [S.R. \(NI\) 2011 No 331](#). These Statutory Rules extend to Northern Ireland only. See regulation 2 for definitions of “importer”, “nominal quantity”, “package” and “packer”.

(7) OJ No L 46, 21.2.1976, p1. Council [Directive 76/211/EEC](#) of 20 January 1976 concerns the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making-up by weight or volume of certain prepackaged products.

(8) Relevant amendments to regulation 37 were made by regulation 5(1) to (3) and (5) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2003 ([S.I. 2003/2003](#)), by regulations 2 and 15(b) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 ([S.I. 2009/788](#)) and by paragraphs 1 and 20 of Schedule 3 to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 ([S.I. 2012/977](#)).

- (e) in paragraph (12), where the words “the table” appear, substitute “Table 1”;
- (f) after paragraph (12), before the table(9), for the heading “TABLE”, substitute “Table 1”;  
and
- (g) after Table 1, as so re-named by sub-paragraph (f), insert—

**“Table 2**

**Load requirements for test vehicles**

<i>(1) Category or sub-category and description of vehicle</i>	<i>(2) Nature and weight of load required to be carried on the vehicle or trailer or both.</i>
B+E	A training load weighing a minimum of 600kg and a maximum of 1,000kg loaded on the trailer.
C	Water or foam carried on the fire engine so that the total laden weight of the fire engine is at least 10,000kg.
(a) fire engine	
C	Five IBCs loaded on the motor vehicle.
(b) other motor vehicles	
C+E	Eight IBCs loaded on the combination.
(a) articulated goods vehicle combination	
C+E	Five IBCs loaded on the motor vehicle and three IBCs loaded on the trailer.
(b) combination of a minimum test vehicle for category C and a trailer	
C1+E	A training load weighing a minimum of 600kg and a maximum of 1,000kg loaded on the trailer.
D+E	A training load weighing a minimum of 600kg and a maximum of 1,000kg loaded on the trailer.
D1+E	A training load weighing a minimum of 600kg and a maximum of 1,000kg loaded on the trailer.”.

(9) The table was substituted by regulation 5(5) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/2003).