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## The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment No. ) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 20[11]

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

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#### 3. Originating Department

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#### 4. Notification Number

2011/0234/UK - T40T

#### 5. Title

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment No. ) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 20[11]

#### 6. Products Concerned

markings on side and rear of heavy goods vehicles, markings on vehicles used for road traffic enforcement.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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#### 8. Main Content

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. 2000 No. 169) ("the 2000 Regulations") so as to—

- (a) permit the use of retro-reflective markings (the battenburg pattern) and dot matrix message bars which can emit red light to both the front and rear on vehicles used for road traffic enforcement purposes;
- (b) require goods vehicles with a gross vehicle weight ("gvw") exceeding 7500kg and trailers with gvw exceeding 3500kg to be fitted with retro-reflective conspicuity line markings if they are first used (or manufactured in the case of trailers) on or after 10th July 2011;
- (c) update a number of provisions of the 2000 Regulations to align with the vehicle regulations of the UNECE on lighting installation;
- (d) to permit vehicles used by mountain rescue services for emergency purposes to be fitted with blue warning beacons and use warning sirens;
- (e) to permit fire appliances to have retro-reflective markings and to use red flashing lights to the rear (but only when the vehicle is stationary);
- (f) to simplify the criteria that determine whether the front and rear position lights on goods vehicles parked on the road at night should be illuminated.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The extension of the facility to use retro-reflective 'battenburg' markings to include traffic enforcement vehicles is required to enhance visibility and safety for Departmental enforcement officers when performing roadside vehicle checks. Dot matrix message bars will assist in the stopping of moving vehicles during enforcement activity.

The proposed Regulations will bring current Northern Ireland domestic legislation into line with UN ECE Regulation 48, especially with regard to conspicuity line markings. Pending the making of domestic regulations, administration provisions have been put into place to ensure that vehicle operators are not disadvantaged.



The extension of the facility to use blue flashing beacons to mountain rescue vehicles is required to help increase the reaction time of such vehicles during incidents, especially in areas of traffic congestion.

The extension of the facility to use red flashing lights is aimed at maximising the visibility of rescue vehicles when parked at the scene of incidents, to avoid road traffic accidents.

A minor provision will provide increased clarity on existing legislative requirements for the illumination of front and rear position lights on goods vehicles parked on the road at night .

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

References of the Basic Texts: Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. 2000 No. 169)

#### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

#### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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#### **13. Confidentiality**

No

#### **14. Fiscal measures**

No

#### **15. Impact assessment**

Yes

#### **16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No - The draft is in conformity with an international standard

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

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