



THE ROAD TRANSPORT ACT 2001

THE ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATORS (VEHICLES BROUGHT TEMPORARILY INTO THE ISLAND) REGULATIONS 2002

Approved by Tynwald

19th February 2002

Coming into Operation

1st April 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Transport by sections 47(1)(h) and 62(1) of the Road Transport Act 2001¹, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Road Transport Licensing Committee and such representative bodies as the Department thinks fit, the following Regulations are hereby made: —

1. Citation and interpretation

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Transport Operators (Vehicles brought temporarily into the Island) Regulations 2002.

(2) In these Regulations, —

“the Act” means the Road Transport Act 2001;

“the Committee” means the Road Transport Licensing Committee;

“the Department” means the Department of Transport; and

“temporarily” means a period of up to but not exceeding one calendar month.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to a section by number is to the section so numbered in the Act.

2. Commencement

Subject to section 62(6), these Regulations shall come into operation in respect of —

(a) passenger vehicles on the 1st April 2002; and

¹ 2001 c.27

- (b) goods vehicles from such date or dates as prescribed under section 7(1) regarding the weights for such vehicles.

3. Exemption from operator licensing or registration requirements

(1) Where a vehicle is brought temporarily into the Island the owner or operator, provided he —

- (a) is not resident; and
- (b) does not have an operating centre in the Island,

shall be exempt from the requirements for registration or licence under section 5 or section 8 of the Act for a period of one calendar month from the date of the vehicle's entry or last entry into the Island.

(2) A visiting passenger vehicle may only carry passengers visiting the Island temporarily under an arrangement with the operator, where —

- (a) all arrangements for the visit; and
- (b) arrangements for any journeys made within the Island,

have been made and paid for before arrival in the Island.

(3) A visiting goods vehicle may only carry freight being —

- (a) imported to; or
- (b) exported from,

the Island as part of a through carriage arrangement between the Island and another territory. No in-island cabotage shall be permitted.

(4) Any vehicle brought temporarily into the Island shall carry documentary evidence which is acceptable to the Committee, identifying —

- (a) that it is authorised in the country of registration for the type of operation being carried out;
- (b) the passengers or freight being carried;
- (c) the journey or journeys to be made on the Island; and
- (d) the vehicle's destination in the Island.

4. Vehicle weights and dimensions

Nothing in these regulations shall authorise any operation in the Island in excess of any weight or dimension restriction imposed by the Department notwithstanding that a higher weight or dimension may be permitted in the vehicles' country of registration.

5. Additional provisions for passenger vehicles

(1) A section 25 licence shall not be required for carriage of passengers between locations in the Island provided the conditions of regulation 3(1) and (2) are met.

(2) A vehicle brought temporarily into the Island shall be permitted to carry the number of passengers for which seats are provided, but shall not carry any standing passengers. Subject to these provisions it shall be exempt from any regulation controlling the number of passengers under section 46 of the Act.

MADE 23rd January 2002



Minister for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for the exemption from certain requirements of the Act in respect of vehicles brought temporarily into the Island for a period of up to but not exceeding one month.

In the case of passenger vehicles, the only passengers that may be carried are those making a temporary stay under an arrangement with the operator concerned. All arrangements and payment have to be made in advance outside the Island. There is no requirement for the passengers to accompany the vehicle to and from the Island, and therefore the passengers may travel by air or by ferry independently of the vehicle. Exemption from Island PPV drivers' licence requirements is covered in other regulation.

The goods vehicle provisions are only effective once weights have been specified under section 7(1) of the Act, hence the cabotage prohibition does not apply until then.

The Island's weight limits have to be obeyed, therefore for example, a visiting bus or coach is limited to a gross vehicle weight of 18 tons regardless of the number of axles and notwithstanding any higher weight that may authorised in its country of registration.

