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PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Public Service Vehicles (Definition of Bus Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

Made . . . . . 14*th December* 1977

Coming into operation . . . 30*th January* 1978

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(7) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department(**c**) of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Definition of Bus Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977 and shall come into operation on 30th January 1978.

Revocation

2. The Public Service Vehicles (Definition of Bus Service) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(**d**) are hereby revoked.

Increase of greater sum

3. For the purpose of section 14(7) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (which defines the term "bus service" as used in that section) the sum of 21p is hereby prescribed to be the greater sum mentioned therein.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 14th December 1977.

(L.S.) *E. A. Simpson*
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance hereby approves the foregoing regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance for Northern Ireland on 14th December 1977.

(L.S.) *J. Murray*
Assistant Secretary

(a) 1966 c. 21 (N.I.)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 art. 4 (II, p. 2992); S.I. 1976 No. 424 (N.I. 6)
(c) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 53 (I, p. 283)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

The definition of bus service in section 14(7) of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 stipulates that the minimum fare must be below a certain level. These regulations increase that level from 11p to 21p. Under the provisions of section 14 a rebate of tax on the fuel used on a bus service is payable to the operator of the service.