Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture of Northern Ireland this 31st day of July, 1957.

(L.S.) *W. A. V. Sanderson,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport*).

These amending Regulations will permit, subject to approval by the Ministry of Agriculture, the use on milk bottles of advertising material intended to promote sales of liquid milk and cream.

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THE MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS, 1957

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST JULY, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS NINE, SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, TWENTY, AND TWENTY-FOUR OF THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954(a) AND ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1955(b).

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The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of its powers under sections nine, sixteen, seventeen, twenty and twenty-four of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, and Articles 1 and 2 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

International Circulation Permits

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, a person bringing a motor vehicle into Northern Ireland shall be granted an international circulation permit (which, in accordance with

(a) 1954 (N.I.) c. 17. (b) S.R. & O. 1955/113.

Article 1 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955, will exempt the vehicle from duty under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, during the currency of the permit) if he—

(*a*) furnishes a registration authority with such particulars as are specified in the First Schedule to these regulations, and

(*b*) satisfies the registration authority that he is resident outside the United Kingdom and that the motor vehicle is only temporarily in Northern Ireland, and

(*c*) produces for the vehicle a certificate of insurance or certificate of security valid for the currency of the permit to be issued or an insurance card valid at the time it is produced, and

(*d*) in the case of a vehicle constructed or adapted to be used for the conveyance of goods or burden, satisfies the registration authority that it is not intended during the currency of the permit so to use the vehicle in the United Kingdom for hire or reward or for or in connection with a trade or business.

(2) An international circulation permit shall not be granted for a public service vehicle, heavy locomotive, light locomotive or motor tractor.

(3) An international circulation permit shall be in the form in, and contain the particulars required by, the Second Schedule to these regulations.

(4) In this regulation—

"certificate of insurance" and "certificate of security" have the same meanings as in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1930(**a**);

"insurance card" has the same meaning as in the Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1957(**b**);

"heavy locomotive," "light locomotive" and "motor tractor" have the meanings assigned to them by subsection (1) of section three of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955(**c**);

"public service vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926(**d**).

2.—(1) An international circulation permit shall not be granted for a period any part of which falls after the ninetieth day from the date on which the vehicle was last brought into Northern Ireland, and the periods for which international circulation permits may be granted to any person in any one calendar year shall not exceed ninety days in all:

(**a**) 20 & 21 Geo. 5, (N.I.) c. 24.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1957/90.
(**c**) 1955 (N.I.), c. 27.
(**d**) 16 & 17 Geo. 5, (N.I.) c. 31.

Provided that an international circulation permit issued on production of a fiscal permit may notwithstanding the foregoing limitations be granted for any period within the currency of the fiscal permit so long as the period or periods for which international circulation permits are granted which fall within the currency of that international fiscal permit do not exceed ninety days in all.

(2) In determining under this regulation the period for which an international circulation permit may be issued, account shall be taken of any permit issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to these regulations, as if it were a permit issued under these regulations.

3.—(1) The following provisions of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947(a), that is to say—

(*a*) paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 4 and the Third Schedule (which specify the manner in which an excise licence is to be displayed on a vehicle),

(*b*) regulation 5 (which relates to defacements and mutilations of such a licence),

(*c*) regulation 12 (which relates to duplicates),

shall apply in relation to a permit under these regulations as they apply in relation to an excise licence but with the substitution of references to the registration authority for the references to the Council.

(2) The said sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 4 of the said Regulations of 1947 and the Third Schedule thereto shall apply in like manner in relation to a permit issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to these regulations for a motor vehicle subsequently brought into Northern Ireland.

4.—(1) Where a vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is in force—

(*a*) is sold or transferred, or

(*b*) is removed to a country outside the United Kingdom, or

(*c*) is destroyed,

the holder of the international circulation permit shall surrender it to a registration authority informing them, in a case where the vehicle has been sold or transferred, of the name of the new owner and of his address, if any, in the United Kingdom.

(2) The holder of an international circulation permit which has expired shall surrender it to a registration authority or, if he is applying to a Council for an excise licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, to that Council.

(3) The holder of an international circulation permit may, before the expiration of the permit, surrender it to a registration authority and thereupon the permit shall cease to be valid.

(4) The registration authority or Council to whom an international circulation permit is surrendered shall forward

(a) S.R. & O. 1947/167, p. 242.

that permit to the London County Council and inform them of the date of surrender.

(5) In this regulation references to a registration authority include references to any authority having power to issue a permit in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to these regulations.

Registration marks for vehicles carrying international circulation permits

5.—(1) A registration authority shall assign to a vehicle for which they issue an international circulation permit a registration mark which shall be—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle in respect of which a visitor's registration document is produced, the registration mark recorded in that document, and

(*b*) in the case of any other vehicle, a registration mark consisting of the letters QI or QZ, and of a registered number.

(2) During the currency of an international circulation permit, regulations 21, 22 and 25 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, and the Fifth Schedule thereto, shall apply to the vehicle to which the permit relates as if references therein to the identification mark were references to the registration mark assigned to the vehicle under this regulation, and shall so apply to the exclusion of regulation 26 of those Regulations (which would otherwise apply instead of regulations 22 and 25 in the case of a vehicle registered for the first time on or after the first day of January, 1948):

Provided that—

(*a*) the said regulation 21 and the said Fifth Schedule (which impose requirements as to the size, shape and character of identification marks) shall not apply as respects a registration mark assigned under sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation if the corresponding requirements of the law under which, or authority by whom, the registration mark was issued are complied with, and if any letters in the registration mark are in Roman characters, and any figures ordinary European numerals,

(*b*) a registration mark assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*) need not be exhibited at the front of the vehicle if that is not required by the law under which, or the authority by whom, the registration mark was issued.

(3) During the currency of an international circulation permit issued for a vehicle to which a registration mark was assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*) a nationality sign, indicating the country under the law of which it was issued, shall be exhibited at the back of the vehicle so as to be clearly distinguishable:

Provided that no nationality sign need be shown on a vehicle in a case where the visitor's registration document

produced in respect of the vehicle is one which falls within paragraph (*c*) of the definition of that expression in these regulations.

(4) During the currency of an international circulation permit, regulation 23 of the said Regulations of 1947 shall apply to any trailer drawn by the vehicle to which the permit relates as if references therein to the identification mark were references to the registration mark assigned to the vehicle under this regulation:

Provided that in a case where—

(*a*) the registration mark was assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, and

(*b*) the trailer has been brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom,

a registration number allotted to the trailer under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1949 may be exhibited at the back of the trailer instead of the said registration mark.

(5) When a vehicle which in pursuance of this regulation must carry a nationality sign is drawing one or more trailers, the nationality sign shall be carried in like manner at the back of the trailer or rearmost trailer:

Provided that a trailer carrying a registration number in pursuance of the proviso to the last foregoing paragraph shall carry a nationality sign indicating the country under the law of which that registration number was issued (if different to the country under the law of which the registration mark was issued) instead of the other nationality sign

(6) During the currency of an international circulation permit issued for a vehicle in respect of which a visitor's registration document was produced and to which a registration mark was assigned under sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, paragraph (2) of regulation 6 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947 (which authorises a police officer or Local Taxation Officer to demand the production of a registration book) shall apply to the visitor's registration document as it applies to a registration book.

(7) Paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this regulation shall apply with the necessary modifications in relation to a vehicle for which a permit is issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to the provisions of these regulations and which is subsequently brought into Northern Ireland.

6.—(1) Where a registration authority assign a registration mark to a vehicle under sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of the last foregoing regulation, they shall issue with the international circulation permit a registration card containing such particulars as the Ministry may direct.

(2) If, on any occasion, the holder of an international circulation permit surrenders it in accordance with regulation 4

of these regulations, the registration card, if any, held for the same vehicle shall be surrendered at the same time and shall be forwarded with the permit to the London County Council.

(3) The following provisions of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, that is to say—

(*a*) paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 6 (which relate to the production of registration books and to their defacement or mutilation), and

(*b*) regulation 12 (which relates to duplicate registration books)

shall apply in relation to a registration card as they apply in relation to a registration book but with the substitution of references to the registration authority for the references to the Council.

(4) The said paragraph (2) of regulation 6 of the said Regulations of 1947 shall apply in like manner in relation to a registration card issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to the provisions of these regulations for a vehicle subsequently brought into Northern Ireland.

Excise licences for vehicles brought temporarily into Northern Ireland

7.—(1) A person who has brought into Northern Ireland a motor vehicle may be granted an excise licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, for the vehicle by any Council in whose area he is for the time being, notwithstanding that they are not the Council to whom he ought to apply under regulation 2 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, if he satisfies them—

(*a*) that he is resident outside the United Kingdom and that the motor vehicle is only temporarily in Northern Ireland, and

(*b*) that he has not a principal place of business or usual place of abode in Northern Ireland.

(2) The registration mark to be assigned under subsection (1) of section sixteen of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, to a motor vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom shall be—

(*a*) in a case where a visitor's registration document is produced in respect of the vehicle, the registration mark recorded in that document,

(*b*) in a case where no visitor's registration document is produced, but a registration mark has previously been assigned to that vehicle under sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of regulation 5 of these regulations, or under provisions applying in Great Britain and corresponding to the provisions of these regulations, that registration mark,

(*c*) in any other case, such a registration mark as would be assigned to a vehicle permanently in this country.

(3) A registration mark assigned under sub-paragraph (*a*) of the last foregoing paragraph shall become void at the expiration of one year from the date when the vehicle was last brought into the United Kingdom or, if the vehicle is before the expiration of that period sold or transferred, at that earlier time, and if the vehicle is used in Northern Ireland thereafter a new registration mark must be obtained.

(4) Where a registration mark is assigned to a vehicle in pursuance of sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of paragraph (2) of this regulation then, until the expiration of one year from the date when the vehicle was last brought into the United Kingdom or, if the vehicle is before the expiration of that period sold or transferred, until the sale or transfer—

(*a*) regulations 22 and 25 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, shall apply to the exclusion of regulation 26 (which would otherwise apply instead of regulations 22 and 25 in the case of a vehicle registered for the first time on or after the first day of January, 1948),

(*b*) the said regulations 22 and 25 and regulations 21 and 23 of the said Regulations, and the Fifth Schedule thereto shall apply in relation to the vehicle subject to the same exceptions and limitations as those subject to which they are applied by regulation 5 of these regulations, and

(*c*) in a case where the registration mark is assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*), paragraphs (3) and (5) of regulation 5 of these regulations shall apply as respects the carrying of nationality signs by the vehicle and any trailer drawn by it.

Records to be kept by registration authorities

8. Each registration authority shall, on issuing an international circulation permit, record in a form approved by the Ministry the particulars furnished in accordance with sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 1 of these Regulations and—

(*a*) the serial number of the permit,

(*b*) the period for which the permit is valid,

(*c*) the registration mark assigned to the vehicle to which the permit relates,

and each registration authority shall forward to the London County Council a copy of the matters so recorded in that form.

9. Where a registration mark is assigned in pursuance of sub-paragraph (*a*) or (*b*) of paragraph (2) of regulation 7 of these regulations by a Council, that Council shall forward to the London County Council for recording the following particulars, that is to say—

(*a*) the name of the person applying in respect of the vehicle, his address in the United Kingdom and (if available) his home address, and

(*b*) the registration mark assigned to the vehicle.

Vehicles from the Republic of Ireland

10. Nothing in these regulations shall apply to any person bringing a motor vehicle into Northern Ireland from the Republic of Ireland who complies with the provisions of the Motor Car (Irish Circulation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1925(a).

Interpretation, revocation, citation and commencement

11.—(1) In these regulations—

"the Convention of 1926" means the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris in the year 1926;

"the Convention of 1949" means the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in the year 1949;

"Council" means the council of a county or county borough;

"fiscal permit" means a permit in form C in the First Schedule to the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1957(b), issued by a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1931 therein mentioned;

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Commerce;

"nationality sign" means a sign complying with the provisions of Annex 4 to the Convention of 1949 or of Annex C to the Convention of 1926 and bearing the distinctive letters specified in or under the Convention for the country under the law of which the vehicle is registered;

"registration authority" means the Royal Automobile Club or the Automobile Association;

"visitor's registration document" means—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle registered in a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1949, a registration certificate issued under the law of that country and containing the serial number or registration number, the name or the trade mark of the maker of the vehicle, the maker's identification or serial number, the date of its registration and the full name and permanent place of residence of the applicant for the said certificate; or

(*b*) a certificate in form D in the First Schedule to the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1957, issued under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1926; or

(*c*) in the case of a motor vehicle registered in accordance with the registration system of the British authorities in Germany or the registration system of the United States authorities in Germany or France, a registration certificate specifying the registered letter and number allotted to the vehicle under the system.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1925 No. 164. (b) S.I. 1957/1074.

(2) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland), 1954(a), shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

12.—(1) The Regulations specified in the Third Schedule to these regulations are hereby revoked.

(2) This regulation shall not affect any document issued or other thing done under any regulation hereby revoked and every such document and other thing shall continue in force and, so far as it could have been issued or done under these regulations, shall have effect as if issued or done under the corresponding provision of these regulations.

(3) Mention of particular matters in this regulation shall be without prejudice to the general application of section twenty-eight of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, as applied by these regulations.

13.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1957.

(2) These regulations shall come into operation on the seventh day of August, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this thirty-first day of July, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven in the presence of

(L.S.) *(Sd.) W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

PARTICULARS NEEDED TO OBTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT

1. The full name and home address of the person to whom the international circulation permit is to be granted.

2. The date and place of entry into Northern Ireland of the vehicle in question.

3. The make and chassis number of the vehicle and such other particulars describing the vehicle as the Ministry may direct.

4. The letters and numbers on the registration plates (if any) of the vehicle and (if different) of any trailer drawn thereby, together with the country of registration.

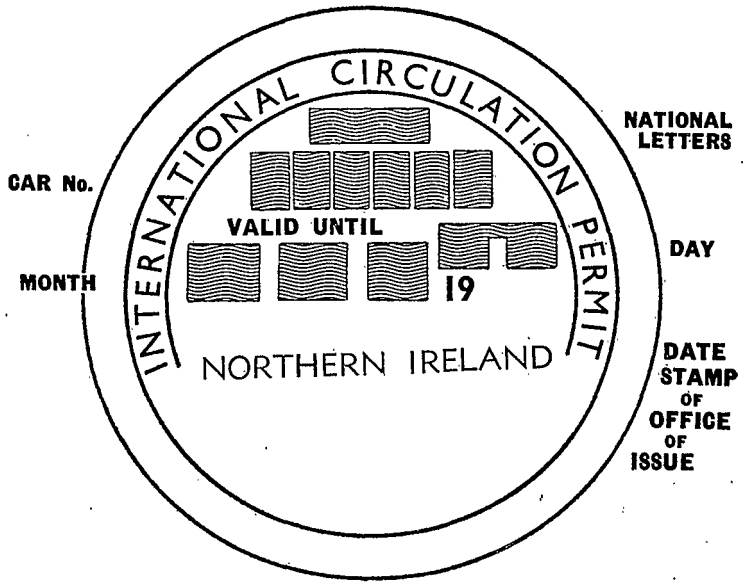
5. In a case where the vehicle is drawing a trailer, the name of the manufacturer of the trailer and its serial or other identification number.

6. The address in the United Kingdom of the person to whom the permit is to be granted or, if none, the name and address in the United Kingdom of some other person through whom he may be contacted while in Northern Ireland.

(a) 1954 (N.I.), c. 33.

SECOND SCHEDULE

FORM OF INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT



THIRD SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS REVOKED

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations, 1941 (S.R. & O. 1941/1219 (Rev. XX, p. 514; 1941 I, p. 969)).

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947/61 (Rev. XX, p. 514; 1947 I, p. 1984)).

Paragraph 2 of Regulation 14 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947/167 (N.I.), p. 242).

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1948 (S.R. & O. 1948/154 (N.I.), p. 653).

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948 (S.R. & O. 1948/610 (Rev. XX, p. 514; 1948 I, p. 3747)).

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950 (S.I. 1950/334 (1950 II, p. 750)).

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952 (S.I. 1952/2152 (1952 III, p. 2891)).

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953 (S.I. 1953/1895 (1953 II, p. 1863)).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations supersede the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations, 1941, the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1948, the amending

Regulations set out in the Third Schedule and Regulation 14(2) of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947.

Regulation 1 and the First Schedule provide for the grant by registration authorities as defined in Regulation 10 of international circulation permits (which during their currency exempt vehicles from duties under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954) for certain motor vehicles brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by persons resident outside the United Kingdom who comply with certain requirements.

Regulation 2 limits the period for which international circulaton permits may be granted.

By Regulation 3 certain provisions of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, relating to excise licences are applied to international circulation permits granted under the Regulations and to permits issued in Great Britain for vehicles subsequently brought into Northern Ireland.

Regulation 4 provides for the surrender of international circulation permits either to registration authorities or, in specified circumstances, to Councils as defined in Regulation 10, and requires registration authorities and Councils to whom permits are surrendered to forward them to the London County Council, which keeps a central register of documents for vehicles brought into the United Kingdom.

Regulation 5 provides for the assignment by registration authorities of special registration marks to motor vehicles for which they grant international circulation permits and for the exhibition on vehicles of these marks, and introduces the requirement that vehicles carrying certain foreign registration marks must carry in addition nationality signs indicating the country in which the vehicles are registered.

Regulation 6 provides for the issue in certain cases of registration cards for motor vehicles by registration authorities and for the producton and surrender of cards in specified circumstances.

Regulation 7 permits a Council to issue a licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, for a vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland notwithstanding that they are not the appropriate Council for this purpose under the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, and makes special provision as to the registration mark to be assigned to, and carried on, such a vehicle when licensed under that Act.

Regulation 8 requires registration authorities on issuing an international circulation permit to record particulars relating to the permit and to the vehicle for which it is issued and to forward the particulars to the London County Council.

Regulation 9 requires a Council that has assigned a registration mark to a vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland to forward particulars to the London County Council.