STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 255 of 2022

ROAD TRAFFIC (ORDINARY SPEED LIMITS – BUSES, HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, ETC) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022
I, HILDEGARDE NAUGHTON, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 3 and 4 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004) and the Transport (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 759 of 2020), hereby make the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Ordinary Speed Limits – Buses, Heavy Goods Vehicles, etc) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

2. The Road Traffic (Ordinary Speed Limits – Buses, Heavy Goods Vehicles, etc) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 546 of 2008) are amended –

(a) in Regulation 2 –

(i) by the insertion of the following definitions:

“‘category N_2’ has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4(1)(b)(ii) of, and Annex I to, the Framework Regulation;

‘category N_3’ has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4(1)(b)(iii) of, and Annex I to, the Framework Regulation;

‘category O_3’ has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4(1)(c)(iii) of, and Annex I to, the Framework Regulation;

‘category O_4’ has the meaning assigned to it in Article 4(1)(c)(iv) of, and Annex I to, the Framework Regulation;


and

(ii) by the deletion of the definition of “design gross vehicle weight”,

and

(b) by the substitution of the following for Regulation 4:

“4. (a) The ordinary speed limit prescribed for a Category N_2 or N_3 vehicle and a combination of a Category N_2 or N_3 vehicle when drawing a Category O_3 or O_4 trailer and when driven on –

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(i) a motorway, is 90 kilometres per hour, or
(ii) any other public road, is 80 kilometres per hour.

(b) The ordinary speed limit of 80 kilometres per hour is prescribed in respect of all public roads for a combination of a mechanically propelled vehicle drawing another vehicle except for any combination of vehicles to which paragraph (a) refers.”.

3. The Road Traffic (Ordinary Speed Limits – Buses, Heavy Goods Vehicles, Etc.) Regulations 2012 (S.I. No. 75 of 2012) are revoked.

GIVEN under my hand,
24 May, 2022.

HILDEGARDE NAUGHTON,
Minister of State at the Department of Transport.
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)


These Regulations also update the references to the EU legislative framework for the type-approval of motor vehicles. A reference in Regulation 2 of the 2008 Regulations to the type-approval Directive 2007/46/EC is now removed and is replaced by a reference to Regulation (EU) 2018/8581.

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