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THE SEAT BELTS EXEMPTION NOTICE 1972

PURSUANT to regulation 51B of the Traffic Regulations 1956* (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 22), the Secretary for Transport hereby gives the following notice.

NOTICE

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Seat Belts Exemption Notice 1972.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of June 1972.

2. Exemption of vehicles from requirements as to seat belts—The following vehicles are hereby exempted from the requirements of subclause (1) of regulation 51B of the Traffic Regulations 1956 (which relates to the fitting of seat belts in certain motor vehicles):

(a) All motor vehicles (not being secondhand vehicles) for the time being operated with trade plates:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply with respect to any motor vehicle being operated for the purpose of being delivered from the premises of the manufacturer or assembler or importer of the vehicle to the premises of a dealer if the journey between those premises exceeds 20 miles:

(b) All motor vehicles specifically exempted by the Secretary for Transport, or by any employee of the Ministry of Transport to whom the Secretary has delegated this power of exemption pursuant to section 9 of the Ministry of Transport Act 1968.

3. Exemption of persons from requirements as to seat belts—The following classes of persons are hereby exempted from the requirements of subclause (2) of regulation 51B of the Traffic Regulations 1956 (which requires persons occupying seats fitted with seat belts to wear them):

(a) Any person who, when required to do so by a constable or traffic officer, produces to that constable or traffic officer a certificate from a registered medical practitioner stating that the wearing of a seat belt by that person is impractical or undesirable for medical reasons. It shall be a sufficient compliance with this paragraph if the person concerned produces such a medical

*S.R. 1956/217 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 16: S.R. 1968/32)
 Amendment No. 17: S.R. 1969/54
 Amendment No. 18: S.R. 1969/115
 Amendment No. 19: S.R. 1970/157
 Amendment No. 20: S.R. 1970/272
 Amendment No. 21: S.R. 1971/117
 Amendment No. 22: S.R. 1972/83

certificate, within 7 days after having been so required to produce it, at a place specified by the constable or traffic officer:

- (b) The driver of any taxicab while plying for hire:
- (c) The driver of and any passenger in any Post Office vehicle engaged for the time being in any area that is subject to a 30 miles per hour speed limit in street posting-box clearances, parcel deliveries, or postman's deliveries by motor vehicle, provided in each case the motor vehicle is not travelling at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour:
- (d) The driver of and any passenger in any Post Office or other vehicle engaged for the time being in rural mail deliveries or any Post Office or other vehicle engaged for the time being in newspaper deliveries to individual subscribers in rural areas, provided the motor vehicle is not travelling at a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour:
- (e) The driver of and any passenger in a vehicle engaged for the time being in parcel deliveries, courier services, or household deliveries or collections, provided the driver is employed for that purpose and the motor vehicle is not travelling at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour.

Dated at Wellington this 20th day of April 1972.

A. J. EDWARDS, Deputy Secretary for Transport.

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