

2014 No. 255

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**The Prohibition of Traffic (Giant’s Causeway Road) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2014**

Made - - - - - *8th October 2014*

Coming into operation- - - - - *29th October 2014*

The Department for Regional Development(a) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1), (2) and (3) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b) and now vested in it(c).

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with Article 4(6) of and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to that Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

One objection has been received and subsequently withdrawn and one representation has been received and duly considered.

The Department has modified the draft Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Prohibition of Traffic (Giant’s Causeway Road) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 29th October 2014.

(2) In this Order—

“medical practitioner” means a registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983(d).

Prohibition

2. Subject to Article 3 the use by vehicles of the Giant’s Causeway Road, Unclassified No. 26 from a point 143 metres north of its junction with Causeway Road, Route B146, to a point 1186 metres north of that junction is prohibited.

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)

(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(d) 1983 c. 54

Exceptions

3. The prohibition in Article 2 shall not apply to:—

- (a) vehicles not exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight being used by owners or occupiers of land abutting on the said length of road or in connection with delivery to or collection from such land of goods of any kind;
- (b) vehicles being used in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police, coastguard or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;
- (c) vehicles, if they cannot conveniently be used for such purposes outside that length of road, to be used—
 - (i) in connection with any building, repair or demolition operations;
 - (ii) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (iii) by or on behalf of a district council or a government department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
- (d) agricultural tractors and trailers used by farmers in the neighbourhood for carting of seaweed between the hours of 6.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. on each day between 1st June and 30th September and at any time of the day between 1st October and 31st May not including Good Friday, Easter Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday;
- (e) vehicles operated by or on behalf of the National Trust^(a); and
- (f) vehicles being used by, or on behalf of, any persons holding a valid licence under section 4 of the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967^(b) as amended by the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1992^(c) in connection with the conditions of the licence granted.

Revocation

4. The Prohibition of Traffic (Giant's Causeway Road) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984^(d) is revoked.

Sealed with Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 8th October 2014

(L.S.)

G F McKenna

A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

(a) The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty ("the National Trust") was incorporated by the National Trust Act 1907 (c. cxxxvi)

(b) 1967 c. 84

(c) 1992 c. 60

(d) S.R. 1984 No. 215

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits vehicles from using the length of road specified in Article 2. The Order also revokes the Prohibition of Traffic (Giant's Causeway Road) Order (Northern Ireland) 1984. Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 ("the Regulation Order") and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000) in accordance with the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 as amended by the Regulation Order.

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order will in due course be placed on the road.