



THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1985

**The Road Vehicles (Maintenance and Use) (Amendment)
Regulations 2000**

Approved by Tynwald: 16 May 2000

Coming into operation: 1 July 2000

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Transport by paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Act 1985¹, and of all other enabling powers, the following Regulations are hereby made:-

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Maintenance and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and, subject to section 74(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1985, shall come into operation on 1 July 2000.

Amendment of the Road Vehicles (Maintenance and Use) Regulations 1998

2. (1) The Road Vehicles (Maintenance and Use) Regulations 1998² shall be further amended as follows.

(2) After regulation 63, insert:

“Mobile telephones

63A. (1) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on a road while he is using a mobile telephone which is held in a hand.

(2) In this regulation-

“mobile telephone” means wireless telegraphy apparatus which is designed or adapted to be capable-

¹ 1985 c. 23

² SD 345/98

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- (a) of connection only to a cellular telecommunication system; and
- (b) of use while in motion;

“wireless telegraphy apparatus” has the same meaning as in the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949³ (an Act of Parliament).”.

MADE 30th March 2000

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Minister for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend further the Road Vehicles (Maintenance and Use) Regulations 1998 (*SD 345/98*) by inserting a new regulation prohibiting persons from using hand-held mobile cellular phones while driving motor vehicles.