PEDAL CYCLES

1954 No. 966

The Brakes on Pedal Cycles Regulations, 1954

Made - - - -	15*th July*, 1954
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Coming into Operation	1*st September*, 1954

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under sections 59 and 111 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), as extended by section 21 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1954, and may be cited as "The Brakes on Pedal Cycles Regulations, 1954".

2.—(1) In these Regulations the expression "cycle" means a pedal bicycle or pedal tricycle, not being in either case a mechanically propelled vehicle.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. No person shall ride or cause or permit any cycle to be ridden on any road unless it complies with the provisions of these Regulations.

4.—(1) Every cycle having any wheel of which the outside diameter (including any tyre when fully inflated) exceeds 18 inches shall—

(*a*) if it is so constructed that one or more of the wheels is incapable of rotating independently of the pedals, be equipped with a braking system operating on the front wheel or both the front wheels if it has two front wheels;

(*b*) if it is not so constructed as aforesaid, be equipped with two independent braking systems one of which operates on the front wheel or both the front wheels if it has two front wheels, and the other of which operates on the rear wheel or one of the rear wheels if it has two rear wheels:

Provided that in the case of a tricycle not constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods it shall be a sufficient compliance with this sub-paragraph if the tricycle is equipped with two independent braking systems operating on the front wheel if it has two rear wheels, or on the rear wheel if it has two front wheels.

(2) Every other cycle shall be equipped with at least one braking system.

5.—(1) All braking systems required by these Regulations shall be efficient and shall be kept in proper working order.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations a braking system shall be deemed not to be efficient if the brake operates directly on the tyre of any wheel.

6. Nothing in the foregoing Regulations shall apply—

(*a*) to any cycle so constructed that the pedals act directly upon any wheel or upon the axle of any wheel without the interposition of any gearing, chain or other device; or

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*b*) to any cycle brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident abroad and intending to make only a temporary stay in Great Britain, while the cycle is being used by that person, provided that its brakes comply with the requirements of Article 26 of the International Convention on Road Traffic signed at Geneva on 19th September, 1949(a).

7. If any person acts in contravention of any of the foregoing Regulations he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

8. Any police officer in uniform is hereby empowered to test and inspect the brakes of any cycle either on a road or on any premises where the cycle is:

Provided that such a test and inspection shall not be carried out on any premises where the cycle is unless the cycle has been involved in an accident, the test and inspection are carried out within 48 hours of the accident and the owner of the premises consents.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this fifteenth day of July, 1954.

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations lay down the requirements to be complied with as respects the brakes of pedal bicycles and tricycles and authorise the police to test such brakes.

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

1954 No. 1270

The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954

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Coming into Operation	*1st October,* 1954

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, in exercise of his powers under sections 17, 18 and 25 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1954, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954".

(a) Cmd. 7997. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.