STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1854

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1968

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under sections 9 and 14(8) of the Road Safety Act 1967(a), as amended by section 148 of the Transport Act 1968(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(c), as applied by section 29(6) of the said Act of 1967, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 30th November 1968, and may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1968.

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1968(d), as amended (e), shall have effect as though:—

(1) in Regulation 2(1), in the definition of "the standard lists" for paragraph (*b*) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*b*) published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office on the 21st February 1968, the 12th and 29th March 1968, the 3rd May and 31st May 1968, the 11th July and 22nd July 1968, the 27th September 1968 and the 24th October 1968, but as amended by Amendment Lists No. 1 and 2 so published on the 27th September and 22nd November 1968 respectively; and";

(2) after Regulation 56, there were added the following Regulation:—

"*Certificates of temporary exemption*

57.—(1) In this Regulation, except where the context otherwise requires—

"examination", in relation to a vehicle, means a first examination. a re-test or a periodical test;

"the person in charge" means either the person in charge of a station or the person in charge of the Goods Vehicle Centre, Swansea;

"station" means a vehicle testing station or premises approved by the Minister as suitable for the carrying out of examinations by authorised examiners within the meaning of Regulation 52(2).

(2) In the following circumstances, namely—

(*a*) where the person in charge is satisfied that by reason of exceptional circumstances caused by severe weather, fire.

(a) 1967 c. 30. (b) 1968 c. 73. (c) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (d) S.I. 1968/601 (1968 I, p. 1372).
(e) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1968/1169 (1968 II, p. 3154).

epidemic, a failure in the supply of essential services or other unexpected happening affecting either a station or a vehicle (excluding a breakdown or mechanical defect in a vehicle) an examination of a vehicle to which these Regulations apply cannot be completed by a date fixed under these Regulations for the carrying out of the examination, and

(*b*) the use of the vehicle on or after that date would be unlawful by virtue of the provisions of section 14(1) or (2) of the 1967 Act,

the person in charge may issue in respect of the vehicle a certificate of temporary exemption, exempting that vehicle from the said provisions.

(3) Every certificate of temporary exemption issued in respect of a vehicle shall be on a form approved by the Minister which shall contain the following particulars—

(*a*) in the case of a certificate issued for a motor vehicle, the registration mark (if any) exhibited on the vehicle or, if no such mark is so exhibited, the chassis or serial number marked on the vehicle or, if no such number is so marked, the identification mark which shall have been allotted to the vehicle by the Minister in the examination appointment card relating to the first examination of the vehicle;

(*b*) in the case of a certificate issued for a trailer, the identification mark which shall have been allotted to the trailer by the Minister in the examination appointment card (if any) relating to the first examination of the trailer or shall have otherwise been allotted to the trailer by the Minister under these Regulations;

(*c*) the date on which the certificate is issued;

(*d*) the period during which the vehicle is exempted from the provisions of section 14(1) or (2) of the 1967 Act so, however, that no such period shall exceed one month in duration;

and shall be signed by the person in charge or by a person duly authorised in that behalf."; and

(3) in Schedule 2, after paragraph 33 there were added the following paragraph:—

"34. Heavy motor cars or motor cars constructed or adapted for the purpose of forming part of an articulated vehicle and which are used for drawing only a trailer falling within a class of vehicle specified in paragraph 14, 15 or 16 of this Schedule or a trailer being used for or in connection with any purpose for which it is authorised to be used on roads by an order under section 64(4) of the 1960 Act, being an order authorising that trailer or any class or description of trailers comprising that trailer to be used on roads.".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 22nd November 1968.

(L.S.)

Richard Marsh,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1968 by—

1. extending the definition of "standard lists" contained in Regulation 2(1) of the 1968 Regulations so as to include in that definition lists published since those Regulations were last amended;

2. making provision for the issue in exceptional circumstances of certificates temporarily exempting a goods vehicle from the requirement to have a plating certificate or a goods vehicle test certificate without which its use on roads would be unlawful;

3. adding to the classes of goods vehicles already excluded from the application of the 1968 Regulations certain vehicles constructed or adapted to form part of an articulated vehicle.