STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 1972

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 9(1) and (6) of the Road Safety Act 1967(**a**) as amended by section 148 of the Transport Act 1968(**b**) and of all other enabling powers, 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.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 17th March 1972 and may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 1972.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1971(**e**), as amended (**f**), shall be further amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. Regulation 2 (Revocation and Savings) shall have effect as though in paragraph (3) after the words "goods vehicle" there were inserted the words "(other than a non-exempted vehicle)".

4. Regulation 3 (Interpretation) shall have effect as though in paragraph (1) after the definition of "Ministry test date disc" there were inserted the following definitions:—

" 'non-exempted vehicle' means a local authority vehicle being either a motor vehicle registered, or a trailer first sold or supplied by retail, before the 1st October 1972;

'local authority vehicle' means a vehicle designed for use, and used solely by a local authority or highway authority or a person acting in pursuance of a contract with such an authority, for the purpose of street cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse, the collection or disposal of the con-

(**a**) 1967 c. 30.
(**b**) 1968 c. 73.
(**c**) 1960 c. 16.
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.
(**e**) S.I. 1971/352 (1971 I, p. 1098).
(**f**) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1971/2074 (1971 III, p. 6149).

tents of gullies or cesspools or the testing of weighbridges, but excludes a vehicle specified in paragraph 31 of Schedule 2, as amended by the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 1972;"

5. After Regulation 11 (Dates by which vehicles to be submitted for first examinations) there shall be inserted the following Regulation:—

"11A.—(1) Nothing in the last preceding Regulation shall apply to a non-exempted vehicle.

(2) Every non-exempted vehicle shall be submitted for a first examination after the 31st March 1972 and not later than the 30th September 1973.".

6. Regulation 13 (Time within which applications to be made) shall have effect as though after the words "first examination and" there were inserted the words "except in the case of a non-exempted vehicle".

7. In Schedule 2 (Classes of Vehicle to which regulations do not apply)—

(*a*) for paragraph 31, there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"31. Three wheeled motor vehicles designed for the purpose of street cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies.";

(*b*) after paragraph 32 there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"32A. Vehicles designed for use, and used on an aerodrome mentioned in the last preceding paragraph solely for the purpose of road cleansing, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies or cesspools.".

8. In Schedule 3 (The Prescribed Construction and Use Requirements)—

(*a*) in Part I, in Section V for paragraph 29 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"29. Regulations 70 and 71 (in so far as they require a number of direction indicators of a specified colour to be fitted) and Regulation 76 (relating to maintenance of direction indicators and stop lamps).",

(*b*) in Part II, in Section V for paragraph 14 there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

"14. Regulations 70 and 71 (in so far as they require a number of direction indicators of a specified colour to be fitted) and Regulation 76 (relating to maintenance of direction indicators and stop lamps).".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.
15th February 1972.

John Peyton,
Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1971. The principal changes are—

(1) by Regulations 4, 5 and 7(*a*) to extend the plating and testing scheme for goods vehicles so as to include certain local authority refuse collection and street cleansing vehicles which were previously exempt from the scheme; and

(2) by Regulation 8 to include among the items, in relation to which vehicles are examined, the fitting of direction indicators.

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