Heavy Motor Cars (Speed).

THE HEAVY MOTOR CAR (SPEED) (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 1931, DATED 30TH NOVEMBER, 1931, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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WHEREAS in pursuance of the provisions of Section 12 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, the Local Government Board for Ireland, by the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, made regulations with respect to heavy motor cars, and such of the regulations as are contained in Article 7 of the said Order relate to the speed at which a heavy motor car may be driven on any highway :

And whereas in pursuance of the provisions of Section 6 (1) of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic & Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland made an Order entitled the Heavy Motor Car (Speed) (Amendment) Order, 1930, relative to the speed of certain motor cars exceeding two and a half tons in weight unladen :

And whereas it is expedient that the said Article 7 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, and the Heavy Motor Car (Speed) (Amendment) Order, 1930, should be revoked, and that other regulations as hereinafter set forth should be made :

Now, therefore, the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Motor Vehicles (Traffic & Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, and of all other powers in that behalf enabling the Ministry, hereby makes the following regulations :—

1. In these regulations—

The expression "public service vehicle" means a mechanically-propelled vehicle (other than a tramcar) used in standing or plying for hire or used to carry passengers for hire.

The expression "registered axle weight" has the same meaning as in the above-mentioned Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905.

2. The speed at which a heavy motor car, exceeding two and a half tons unladen weight, is driven on any highway shall not exceed the maximum speed specified hereunder for a vehicle of that class or description :—

Class of Vehicles.	Maximum Speed in Miles per Hour.
(I) *Public Service Vehicles :—*	
If the vehicle has all its wheels fitted with pneumatic tyres	25
(II) *All other Heavy Motor Cars :—*	
(1) When not drawing a trailer—	
(*a*) If all wheels are fitted with pneumatic tyres, and	
(i) the registered axle weight of any axle does not exceed 4 tons	20
(ii) the registered axle weight of any axle exceeds 4 tons	16
(*b*) If all wheels are not fitted with pneumatic tyres, but are fitted with soft or elastic tyres ..	12
(2) When drawing a trailer—	
(*a*) If all wheels both of the drawing vehicle and the trailer are fitted with pneumatic tyres, or if the trailer is attached to the drawing vehicle by partial superimposition in such manner as to cause a substantial part of the weight to be borne by the vehicle, and all the wheels both of the drawing vehicle and the trailer are fitted with soft or elastic tyres ..	12
(*b*) If all the wheels of both the drawing vehicle and the trailer are not fitted with pneumatic tyres, but are fitted with soft or elastic tyres	8
(3) In any other case	5

3. Article 7 of the Heavy Motor Car (Ireland) Order, 1905, and the Heavy Motor Car (Speed) (Amendment) Order, 1930, are hereby revoked.

4. This Order may be cited as the Heavy Motor Car (Speed) (Amendment) Order, 1931.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 30th day of November, 1931.

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