2. The Principal Regulations shall have effect as though at the end of paragraph (i) of Regulation 31 the following sub-paragraph were added :—

" These Regulations shall not apply to any vehicle belonging to the Crown which is used or appropriated for use for naval, military or air force purposes."

3. The Interpretation Act, 1921 (a), applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the Interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 29th day of December, 1950, in the presence of

(L.S.) *Arthur Acheson Farrell,*
Assistant Secretary.

Road Vehicles (Speed)

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH JULY, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926-45.

1950. No. 125

The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926-45, and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations.

1.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

" Unladen Weight " means, in relation to a motor car, the unladen weight of that motor car as registered by a council in pursuance of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1925.

" Goods Vehicle " means a motor car constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods or burden of any description.

" Articulated Vehicle " means a motor car with a trailer drawn thereby which is so constructed and by partial superimposition attached to the motor car that a substantial part of the weight of the trailer is borne thereby.

" Omnibus " means a public service vehicle as defined by sub-section 1 of Section 10 of the Motor Vehicle (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, as amended by Section 43

(a) 12 G.5. C.4.

of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, seating more than six persons in addition to the driver.

" Heavy Motor Car " means a motor car which is constructed to carry a load or passengers and which exceeds two and a half tons in weight unladen.

" Motor Tractor " means a motor car other than a motor cycle which is not constructed to carry any load.

" Agricultural Tractor " means a motor tractor, the property of a person engaged in agriculture, which is used on a road only in connection with agriculture.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, (a) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Regulations specified in the schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked but without prejudice to any proceedings in respect of any contravention thereof.

3. The speed at which a motor car is driven on any highway shall not exceed the maximum speed specified hereunder for a vehicle of the class or description mentioned :

Provided that a maximum limit of speed fixed herein shall not apply on any occasion to a vehicle which is being used for Fire Brigade or Ambulance purposes if the observance of the limit of speed would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

Class of Vehicle.	*Maximum Speed in miles per hour.*
1. Goods Vehicles which exceed 30 cwts. but do not exceed three tons in weight unladen —	
(i) When not drawing a trailer	30
(ii) When drawing a trailer	20
2. Articulated Vehicles, if all the wheels of both the drawing vehicle and the trailer are fitted with pneumatic tyres or tyres of a soft or elastic material	20
3. Heavy Motor Cars, other than those mentioned in sub-articles 1 and 2 —	
(i) Omnibuses	30
(ii) All other Heavy Motor Cars, whether or not drawing a trailer —	
(*a*) if all the wheels of the Heavy Motor Car and of the trailer when drawn are fitted with pneumatic tyres ...	20

(a) 12 Geo. 5, Ch. 4. (N.I.)

Class of Vehicle.	*Maximum Speed in miles per hour.*
(*b*) if all the wheels of the Heavy Motor Car and of the trailer when drawn are not fitted with pneumatic tyres but are fitted with tyres of a soft or elastic material	12
(*c*) in any other case	5
4. Agricultural Tractors irrespective of unladen weight and Motor Tractors exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons in weight unladen —	
(i) when not drawing a trailer —	
(*a*) if all the wheels are fitted with pneumatic tyres or tyres of a soft or elastic material	20
(*b*) in any other case	5
(ii) when drawing a trailer fitted with a braking system prescribed by Regulation 46 of the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Regulations, 1934 —	
(*a*) if all the wheels of both the tractor and the trailer are —	
(1) fitted with pneumatic tyres ...	20
(2) not fitted with pneumatic tyres but are fitted with tyres of a soft or elastic material	12
(*b*) in any other case	5
(iii) when drawing a trailer which is not fitted with a braking system prescribed by Regulation 46 of the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Regulations, 1934, irrespective of the class of tyres used on either the tractor or the trailer	5

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Cars (Speed) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950.

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