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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 64(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962(b) and under subsections (5) and (6) of the said section 64 and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 1st November 1963 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1963.

Revocation

2. The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1962(c), the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 1962(d) and the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1962(e) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

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

"Construction and Use Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1963(f);

"Track Laying Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations 1955(g);

"bank holiday", in relation to any provision of this Order requiring notice to be given of the intended use of a vehicle on a road, means a day which is, or is to be observed as, a bank holiday, or a holiday, under the Bank Holidays Act 1871(h) or the Holidays Extension Act 1875(i), either generally or in the locality in which that road is situated;

"controlled by a pedestrian" has the same meaning as in section 254(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1960;

"police area" has the same meaning as in the Police Pensions Act 1921(j);

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59. (c) S.I. 1962/1585 (1962 II, p. 1802).
(d) S.I. 1962/2377 (1962 III, p. 3290). (e) S.I. 1962/2571 (1962 III, p. 3459).
(f) S.I. 1963/1646 (1963 III, p. 3095). (g) S.I. 1955/990 (1955 II, p. 2287).
(h) 34 & 35 Vict. c. 17. (i) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 13. (j) 11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 31.

" the Minister " means the Minister of Transport ;

" articulated vehicle ", " land locomotive ", land tractor ", " overall length ", " overall width ", " overhang ", " straddle carrier ", " track laying " and " wheeled " have the same meanings respectively as in the Construction and Use Regulations.

(2) Any reference in this Order to the Construction and Use Regulations shall be construed as a reference to those Regulations as for the time being amended by any regulations made under the Road Traffic Act 1960 after the coming into operation of this Order.

(3) Any reference in this Order to the Track Laying Regulations shall be construed as a reference to those Regulations as for the time being amended by any regulations made under the Road Traffic Act 1930(a) before the coming into operation of this Order or by any regulations made under the Road Traffic Act 1960 after the coming into operation of this Order.

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act this Order were an Act of Parliament and the Orders revoked by Article 2 of this Order were Acts of Parliament thereby repealed.

(5) In so far as any consent, notice, indemnity or dispensation given or any other thing done under a provision of any of the Orders revoked by this Order could have been given or done under a corresponding provision of this Order it shall not be invalidated by the revocation effected by Article 2 of this Order but shall have effect as if given or done under that corresponding provision.

Speed limits

4. Nothing in this Order relating to the speed of vehicles shall be taken to authorise any speed which is in excess of any other speed limit imposed by or under any enactment.

PART II

MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES

Track laying vehicles

5. The Minister authorises the use on roads of track laying motor vehicles and track laying trailers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) a vehicle shall be used only for the purpose of—

(i) demonstration, or

(ii) enabling it to proceed to the nearest suitable railway station for conveyance to a port for shipment or to proceed to a port for shipment from a place in the immediate vicinity of that port where suitable railway facilities are not available ;

(*b*) before a vehicle is so used the consent of every highway authority or every person responsible for the maintenance and repair of any road on which it is proposed that the vehicle shall be used shall in each case be obtained in writing ; and

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

(*c*) a vehicle shall not be used for the carriage of goods or burden for hire or reward.

Naval, military, air force and aviation vehicles

6. The Minister authorises the use on roads of the vehicles specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations respectively specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the said Schedule, subject to the vehicles being the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the persons respectively specified opposite thereto in Column 3 of the said Schedule.

Vehicles used in connection with the saving of life at sea

7. The Minister authorises the use on roads of track laying motor vehicles and track laying trailers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the vehicles being used only for drawing or in connection with the launching of lifeboats the property of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Grass cutting machines and hedge trimmers

8. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor tractors constructed or adapted for use as grass cutters or hedge trimmers (not, in either case, being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian) notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with Regulation 36 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects the vehicle and also subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) the overall width of a vehicle, except when it is actually engaged in grass cutting or hedge trimming operations, must not exceed 7 feet 6 inches; and

(*b*) except when a vehicle is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, all cutting or trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person.

9. The Minister authorises the use on roads of hedge trimmers being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

(*a*) the requirements of Regulations 16, 21, 22, 73, 78, 80, 83, 84, 85, 90, 91 and 106 of the said Regulations, so far as applicable, must be complied with as respects a vehicle;

(*b*) the unladen weight of a vehicle must not exceed 8 hundredweight;

(*c*) the overall width of a vehicle, except when it is actually engaged in hedge trimming operations, must not exceed 7 feet 6 inches; and

(*d*) except when a vehicle is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, all trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person.

10. The Minister authorises the use on roads of trailers constructed or adapted for use as grass cutters or hedge trimmers notwithstanding that such trailers do not comply in all respects with such of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as apply to trailers, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) the requirements of Regulations 28, 29, 79 and 83 of the said Regulations, so far as they apply to trailers, must be complied with;

(*b*) the unladen weight of such a trailer must not exceed—

(i) 1 ton, if drawn by a locomotive, a motor tractor or a heavy motor car, or

(ii) 16 hundredweight, in any other case;

(*c*) the overall width of the motor vehicle by which such a trailer is drawn and, except when it is actually engaged in grass cutting or hedge trimming operations, the overall width of such a trailer must not exceed 8 feet 6 inches;

(*d*) except when such a trailer is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, where it is being drawn in such a manner that its longitudinal axis and that of the drawing vehicle are parallel but lie in different vertical planes, the width of road occupied by both vehicles must not exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the width aforesaid shall be taken as a distance equivalent to the distance which, if both vehicles were treated as if they were one vehicle at a time when the one is drawing the other in the manner aforesaid, would fall to be measured as its overall width;

(*e*) except when such a trailer is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, all cutting or trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the trailer must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person; and

(*f*) such a trailer must not be drawn at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Showmen's trailers

11.—(1) The Minister authorises the use on roads of trailers being vehicles which are living vans owned by a person following the business of a travelling showman notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with Regulation 56 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant provisions of those Regulations are complied with as respects such a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) the overall length of a vehicle must not exceed 30 feet;

(*b*) a vehicle must have not less than four wheels and the distance between the centres of the respective areas of contact with the road of the foremost and the rearmost wheels on the same side of the vehicle must not be less than three-fifths of its overall length;

(*c*) a vehicle must be drawn by a motor vehicle—

(i) which has an unladen weight of 2 tons or more,

(ii) which has its unladen weight conspicuously marked on its left or near side,

(iii) which is chargeable with duty under section 1 of and Schedule 3 to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(a) as a showman's vehicle or under that section and Schedule 4 to that Act as a showman's goods vehicle, and

(iv) which is not drawing more than one other trailer which last mentioned trailer shall not exceed 22 feet in overall length; and

(*d*) a vehicle must not be drawn at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour.

(2) References in the foregoing paragraph to the overall length of a vehicle shall be treated as excluding any part of the vehicle designed primarily for use as a means of attaching it to another vehicle and any fitting designed for use in connection with any such part.

Rotary ploughs

12. The Minister authorises the use on roads of land locomotives specially designed and constructed as rotary ploughs notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 25 and 26 of the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions: —

(*a*) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 11 feet 6 inches;

(*b*) the unladen weight of a vehicle shall not exceed 26 tons;

(*c*) no vehicle shall draw a trailer other than a living van or a trailer or trailers carrying the necessary gear and equipment of or fuel for the vehicle;

(*d*) where a vehicle exceeds 8 feet in overall width, and

(i) is not drawing a trailer, three persons inclusive of the driver or drivers shall be in attendance upon it, one of whom shall whenever necessary by reason of the width of the road or otherwise proceed at a reasonable distance in front of the vehicle and another of whom shall whenever so necessary as aforesaid proceed at a reasonable distance behind the vehicle in each case to give warning to other traffic on the road, or

(ii) is drawing one or more trailers, two persons shall drive or attend the vehicle and in addition at least one person shall be in attendance upon each trailer and such person or one of such persons in attendance upon the trailer or trailers as the case may be shall whenever necessary by reason of the width of the road or otherwise proceed at a reasonable distance behind the trailer or rearmost trailer to give warning to other traffic on the road;

(*e*) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that a vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this and the following paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, and save in so far as the highway authority for any road on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle on that road, with any of the said requirements, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on a road for a journey exceeding 5 miles, shall give at least four clear days' notice (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) to the chief officer of police of any such area as aforesaid and to the highway authority for any such road as aforesaid;

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13.

(*f*) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey; and

(*g*) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which the owner may be directed to make by any such chief officer of police as aforesaid, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid:

Provided that if, by reason of adverse weather conditions or other special circumstances, the surface of any road comprised in the route of the proposed journey is abnormally susceptible to damage the highway authority for that road may require the owner of the vehicle to postpone that journey until such time as they notify him that the journey may be undertaken and in such a case the vehicle shall not be used for the purpose of making the journey until that time.

Vehicles used for experiments or trials

13. The Minister authorises the use on roads of vehicles in or in connection with the conduct of experiments or trials under section 6 of the Roads Improvement Act 1925(**a**) or section 249 of the Highways Act 1959(**b**) notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations.

Straddle carriers

14. The Minister authorises the use on roads of straddle carriers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulations 10, 40 and 41 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions: —

(*a*) a vehicle shall not be used otherwise than for the purpose of demonstration or in the course of delivery on sale or when proceeding to or returning from a manufacturer or repairer for the purpose of repair or overhaul and, when so used, shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment:

Provided that a vehicle which does not comply with the said Regulation 41 may, if it complies with the said Regulations 10 and 40, be used whether laden or unladen in passing from one part of any private premises to any other part thereof or to other private premises in the immediate neighbourhood;

(*b*) no vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;

(*c*) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches;

(*d*) no vehicle shall be used if the overall length of the vehicle or, where the vehicle is carrying a load, if the overall length of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 30 feet except with the consent of the chief officer of police of every police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used.

(**a**) 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 68. (**b**) 7 & 8 Eliz. 2. c. 25.

For the purposes of this and the following paragraph the expressions "forward projection" and "rearward projection" have the same meanings respectively as in Regulation 105(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations and the provisions of sub-paragraph (*e*) of the said Regulation 105(1) shall apply accordingly; and

(*e*) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that a vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this paragraph, the owner of the vehicle shall, not less than two clear days (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) before the day on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used, apply to the chief officer of police of any such area as aforesaid for his consent to the use of the vehicle, and shall, when making the application, furnish to him particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall length, of the length of any forward projection or rearward projection of any load proposed to be carried, and of the roads on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used.

Land tractors used for reaping and threshing

15. The Minister authorises the use on roads of land tractors constructed for the combined purpose of reaping and threshing notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 36 and 37 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) no vehicle shall draw a trailer other than a two-wheeled trailer used solely for the carriage of the necessary gear and equipment of the vehicle;

(*b*) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 14 feet;

(*c*) where the overall width of a vehicle—

(i) exceeds 9 feet 6 inches but does not exceed 11 feet, one person in addition to the driver shall be in attendance, or

(ii) exceeds 11 feet, two persons in addition to the driver shall be in attendance, one of whom shall whenever necessary proceed at a reasonable distance in front of the vehicle and the other of whom shall whenever necessary proceed at a reasonable distance behind the vehicle, in each case to give warning to other traffic on the road;

(*d*) no vehicle the overall width of which exceeds 11 feet shall travel at a speed exceeding 5 miles per hour and no other vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour;

(*e*) all cutting blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person;

(*f*) the three following paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches;

(*g*) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this and the following paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on a road for a journey exceeding 5 miles, shall give at least twenty-four hours' notice to the chief officer of police of any such area as aforesaid;

(*h*) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey; and

(*i*) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which the owner may be directed to make by any such chief officer of police as aforesaid, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid.

Mechanically propelled hay and straw balers

16. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor tractors constructed for the purpose of picking up, baling and binding hay or straw notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 36 and 37 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 8 feet;

(*b*) the overhang of a vehicle shall not exceed 8 feet; and

(*c*) no vehicle shall travel on a road at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

Vehicles for moving excavated material

17. The Minister authorises the use on roads of movable plant or equipment (other than engineering plant as defined in Article 19 of this Order) being a heavy motor car, trailer or articulated vehicle specially designed and constructed for use in private premises for the primary purpose of moving excavated material and fitted with a tipping body, moving platform or other similar device for discharging its load, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of that purpose, comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) a vehicle shall only be used in proceeding to and from private premises or between private premises and a port in either direction and shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment;

(*b*) a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle shall not draw any trailer;

(*c*) where a trailer is drawn by a motor vehicle the motor vehicle shall not draw any other trailer;

(*d*) in the case of a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 10, 40, 44, 68 and 72, shall apply;

(*e*) in the case of a trailer not forming part of an articulated vehicle all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 10, 56, 57 and 61, shall, subject as provided in paragraph (*h*) of this Article, apply;

(*f*) in the case of an articulated vehicle all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 7(1), 10, 40, 44, 57, 61, 69, 71 and 72, shall, subject as provided in paragraph (*h*) of this Article, apply;

(*g*) in the case of a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle and in the case of an articulated vehicle the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely shall not exceed 15 tons and the sum of the weights so transmitted by all the wheels shall not exceed 25 tons;

(*h*) in the case of a trailer, whether or not forming part of an articulated vehicle, sub-paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) of Regulation 58(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations shall not apply if the trailer is equipped with an efficient brake or with suitable scotches or similar devices to hold it stationary when necessary;

(*i*) the overall length of a trailer shall not exceed 28 feet and the overall length of an articulated vehicle shall not exceed 44 feet;

(*j*) no vehicle the overall width of which exceeds 9 feet 6 inches shall travel at a speed exceeding 8 miles per hour and no other vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;

(*k*) every wheel of the vehicle shall be equipped with a pneumatic tyre;

(*l*) where the overall width of a vehicle exceeds 9 feet 6 inches at least two persons, or where the overall width of a vehicle exceeds 8 feet but does not exceed 9 feet 6 inches, at least one person, in addition to the person or persons employed as respects a motor vehicle in driving that vehicle, shall be employed in attending to that vehicle and any load carried thereby and any trailer drawn by that vehicle and any load carried on the trailer and to give warning to the driver of the said motor vehicle and to any other person of any danger likely to be caused to any such other person by reason of the presence of the vehicle or the vehicle and trailer on the road;

(*m*) the three following paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 8 feet on a road on which a tramcar is operated and to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches on any other road;

(*n*) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this and the following paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, if its overall width exceeds 8 feet, before using it on a road on which a tramcar is operated or, if its overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches, before using it on any road, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) to the chief officer of police of any such area as aforesaid;

(*o*) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey;

(*p*) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by any such chief officer of police as aforesaid, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid;

(*q*) the four following paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle in respect of which any of the requirements of the Construction and

Use Regulations with respect to the weights of vehicles whether laden or unladen or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels is not complied with or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as respects any or all of the vehicles comprised in the combination is not complied with.

For the purposes of this paragraph the reference to a combination of vehicles shall be construed in the same manner as is provided in Regulation 105(1)(*g*) of the Construction and Use Regulations for the purposes of Regulation 106 thereof;

(*r*) save in so far as the highway authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) as provided by the following paragraph to the highway authority for any such road and to the bridge authority for any such bridge:

(*s*) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part II of Schedule 2 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) and (7) thereof shall apply as respects any such notice;

(*t*) before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the highway authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity as provided by the following paragraph; and

(*u*) the indemnity referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall be in the form specified in Part III of Schedule 2 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) and (7) thereof shall apply as respects any such indemnity.

Motor vehicles and trailers constructed for use outside the United Kingdom and new or improved types of motor vehicles and trailers constructed for tests or trials and motor vehicles and trailers equipped with new or improved equipment or types of equipment.

18.—(1) This Article applies to wheeled motor vehicles and trailers not falling within any description of motor vehicle or trailer specified in Article 20 or 21 of this Order and references in this Article to motor vehicles and trailers shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The Minister authorises the use on roads—

(A) of motor vehicles and trailers, or types of motor vehicles and trailers, constructed for use outside the United Kingdom and of new or improved types of motor vehicles and trailers constructed for tests or trials notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, and

(B) of motor vehicles and trailers equipped with new or improved equipment or types of equipment notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with such of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as cannot, by reason only of the said equipment, be complied with,

subject, in all cases, to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) no vehicle shall be used otherwise than—

(i) for or in connection with the testing or demonstration of the vehicle, or

(ii) in the course of delivery on sale, or

(iii) for proceeding to or returning from a manufacturer or repairer for the purpose of construction, repair or overhaul;

(*b*) a vehicle shall comply with Regulations 6, 11, 16, 19, 20, 64, 73, 75, 76 and 79 to 82 (inclusive) of the Construction and Use Regulations and Regulations 83 to 93 (inclusive), 95 to 99 (inclusive), 101 and 104 to 108 (inclusive) of the said Regulations shall apply thereto;

(*c*) no vehicle shall be used for the carriage of any load other than its necessary gear or equipment or such apparatus or ballast as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out a test or trial of that vehicle;

(*d*) the three following sub-paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches or of a vehicle which has an overall length exceeding that specified by any provision of Regulation 7 or 56 of the Construction and Use Regulations as the maximum length for that vehicle;

(*e*) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this and the following sub-paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) to the chief officer of police of any such area as aforesaid;

(*f*) the notice referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width and overall length, of the width and length of any load proposed to be carried, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey;

(*g*) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by any such chief officer of police as aforesaid, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing sub-paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width and overall length of the vehicle and the width and length of any load carried thereon do not exceed the width and length of which particulars have been given as aforesaid;

(*h*) the four following sub-paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle in respect of which any of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the weights of vehicles whether laden or unladen or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels is not complied with or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as respects any or all of the vehicles comprised in the combination is not complied with.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph the reference to a combination of vehicles shall be construed in the same manner as is provided in Regulation 105(1)(*g*) of the Construction and Use Regulations for the purposes of Regulation 106 thereof;

(*i*) save in so far as the highway authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this sub-paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following sub-paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) as provided by the following sub-paragraph to the highway authority for any such road and to the bridge authority for any such bridge;

(*j*) the notice referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part II of Schedule 2 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) and (7) thereof shall apply as respects any such notice;

(*k*) before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the highway authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity as provided by the following sub-paragraph; and

(*l*) the indemnity referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall be in the form specified in Part III of Schedule 2 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) and (7) thereof shall apply as respects any such indemnity.

PART III

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOADS, ENGINEERING PLANT AND OTHER VEHICLES CARRYING WIDE LOADS

Interpretation

19. In this Part of the Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say—

"abnormal indivisible load" means a load which—

(*a*) cannot without undue expense or risk of damage be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of carriage on roads, and

(*b*) cannot, owing to its dimensions or weight, be carried by a heavy motor car or trailer complying in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations;

"engineering plant" means—

(*a*) movable plant or equipment being a motor vehicle or trailer (not constructed primarily to carry a load) specially designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of those purposes, comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, or

(*b*) a mobile crane which does not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations;

"special road" means a special road which is open for use as a special road;

"lateral projection", "forward projection" and "rearward projection" have the same meanings respectively as in Regulation 105(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations and references in this Part of this Order to a special appliance or apparatus in relation to a vehicle, to a forward projection or a rearward projection in relation to a vehicle, to the distance between vehicles in relation to vehicles carrying a load, and to a combination of vehicles in relation to a motor vehicle which is drawing one or more trailers, shall be construed respectively in the same manner as is provided in the said Regulation 105(1) for the purposes of Regulation 106 of the said Regulations, and the provisions of sub-paragraphs (*b*), (*e*), (*h*), (*i*) and (*j*) of the said Regulation 105(1) shall apply for the purposes of this Part of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the said Regulations 105(1) and 106;

"tractor" means a motor tractor;

"locomotive" and "registered" have the same meanings respectively as in the Construction and Use Regulations.

Vehicles for carrying or drawing abnormal indivisible loads

20. The Minister authorises the use on roads of heavy motor cars and trailers specially designed and constructed for the carriage of abnormal indivisible loads and of locomotives and tractors specially designed and constructed to draw trailers specially so designed and constructed notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Articles 23(1) and 29 of this Order and, in a case where Article 24, 25, 27 or 28 of this Order applies, to the restrictions and conditions contained in such of those Articles as are applicable to that case and, in a case where the overall width of a vehicle or of a vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 14 feet, to the restrictions and conditions contained in Article 26 of this Order and also, in any case, to the following further restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) a heavy motor car or trailer shall be used only, save as provided in paragraph (*o*) of this Article, for or in connection with the carriage of an abnormal indivisible load;

(*b*) a locomotive or tractor shall be used only for or in connection with the drawing of trailers the use of which on roads is authorised by this Article;

(*c*) in the case of a heavy motor car all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 10, 40, 43, 44, 68, 70, 71, 72 and 106, shall apply;

(*d*) in the case of a trailer all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 7, 10, 14, 57, 59 to 61 (inclusive), 66, 69 to 72 (inclusive) and 106, shall apply:

Provided that it shall not be necessary for a trailer constructed before 15th January 1931 to comply with Regulation 9 of the Construction and Use Regulations;

(*e*) in the case of a locomotive or tractor all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 10, 31, 36, 66 and 70, shall apply;

(*f*) the overall width of a heavy motor car shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches unless it is used for or in connection with the carriage of a load which can only safely be carried on a heavy motor car which exceeds that overall width;

(*g*) the overall width of a locomotive or tractor shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches unless it is used for or in connection with the carriage of a load on a trailer which exceeds that overall width, being a load which can only be safely carried on such a trailer;

(*h*) the overall width of a trailer shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches unless it is drawn by a locomotive or tractor and is used for or in connection with the carriage of such a load as is mentioned in the foregoing paragraph;

(*i*) notwithstanding anything in any of the three foregoing paragraphs the overall width of a heavy motor car, locomotive, tractor or trailer shall not exceed 20 feet;

(*j*) where, in relation to the load carried by a vehicle, there is a lateral projection on one or both sides of the vehicle the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of the projection, or as the case may be, of both projections shall not exceed 20 feet;

(*k*) the overall length of a vehicle or of a vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load or, where a load is carried in such a manner that part of its weight rests on more than one vehicle, of the vehicles together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of the load shall not exceed 90 feet;

(*l*) a vehicle shall be so constructed that it is a wheeled vehicle;

(*m*) every wheel of a vehicle shall be equipped with a pneumatic tyre or a tyre of soft or elastic material;

(*n*) the following restrictions on weight shall apply to vehicles, including articulated vehicles, carrying an abnormal indivisible load:—

(i) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the load shall not exceed 150 tons,

(ii) the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel shall not exceed 11½ tons,

(iii) the weight transmitted to any strip of road surface upon which the wheels rest contained between any two parallel lines drawn on that surface at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the load shall not exceed, if the parallel lines are not more than 2 feet apart, 45 tons and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 2 feet but not exceeding a total distance apart of 7 feet, at a rate of 9 tons per foot and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 7 feet, at a rate of 3 tons per foot, and

(iv) the total weight transmitted to the road surface by any wheels in line transversely not fitted with pneumatic tyres shall be such that the average weight per inch width of tyre in contact with the road surface shall not exceed 15 hundredweight:

Provided that the restrictions contained in item (ii) of this paragraph shall not apply to any heavy motor car registered on or before 31st December 1951 or any trailer constructed before the 1st January 1952.

For the purposes of item (ii) of this paragraph any two wheels shall be regarded as one wheel if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 2 feet; and

(*o*) no vehicle or combination of vehicles shall carry more than one abnormal indivisible load at any one time:

Provided that, subject to compliance with all the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the laden weights of vehicles and the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels, it shall be permissible for a vehicle or any vehicles comprised in a combination of vehicles to carry more than one abnormal indivisible load of the same character and, where any abnormal indivisible load is carried, to carry any articles of a similar character.

Engineering Plant

21. The Minister authorises the use on roads of engineering plant notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the restriction contained in Article 23(2) of this Order and, in a case where Article 24, 25, 27 or 28 of this Order applies, to the restrictions and conditions contained in such of those Articles as are applicable to that case and, in a case where the overall width of a vehicle or of a vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 14 feet, to the restrictions and conditions contained in Article 26 of this Order and also, in any case, to the following further restrictions and conditions:—

(*a*) engineering plant other than a mobile crane shall only be used on a road for the purpose of proceeding to or from the site of engineering operations or when actually engaged in such operations and shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment or, in the case of plant when actually engaged on the construction, maintenance and repair of roads, materials which it is specially designed to treat while carried on the vehicle;

(*b*) a mobile crane shall only be used on a road for the purpose of proceeding from one place to another and not for the purpose of the lifting or transportation of goods or burden otherwise than when actually engaged in engineering operations;

(*c*) no engineering plant other than a mobile crane shall draw any trailer other than a trailer which is engineering plant or a living van or office hut used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of roads;

(*d*) no mobile crane shall draw a trailer;

(*e*) a vehicle shall be so constructed that it is either a wheeled vehicle or a track laying vehicle;

(*f*) in the case of a wheeled motor vehicle Regulations 4, 9, 15, 16, 18 to 24 (inclusive), 28 to 30 (inclusive), 73, 75 to 80 (inclusive), 83 to 93 (inclusive), 95 and 96 of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or before 31st December 1951 Regulations 18 and 19 of the said Regulations shall not apply, and

(ii) in the case of a machine designed for use and used solely for the purpose of laying materials for the repair or construction of road surfaces if the weight transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely does not exceed 11 tons the said Regulation 9 shall not apply;

(*g*) in the case of a wheeled trailer Regulations 4, 9, 28, 29, 64, 73, 76, 79, 83, 90 and 95 of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply;

(*h*) in the case of a track laying motor vehicle Regulations 4, 6, 9, 13, 14, 16 to 24 (inclusive), 51, 53 to 69 (inclusive), 71, 72 and 78 of the Track Laying Regulations shall apply:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or before 31st December 1951 Regulations 16 and 17 of the said Regulations shall not apply, and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle which is a road roller the said Regulation 9 shall not apply;

(*i*) in the case of a track laying trailer Regulations 4, 6, 9, 22, 23, 44, 51, 54, 56, 57, 59, 67 and 71 of the Track Laying Regulations shall apply:

Provided that in the case of a trailer which is a road roller the said Regulation 9 shall not apply;

(*j*) all the wheels of a vehicle which are not equipped with pneumatic tyres or tyres of soft or elastic material shall be equipped with smooth tyres and have the edges rounded to a radius of not less than ½ inch and not more than 1 inch:

Provided that in the case of gritting machines designed for use and used for gritting frosted and icebound roads all or any of the tyres may be shod with diagonal cross bars of equal width of not less than 1 inch, extending the full breadth of the tyre and so arranged that the distance between adjacent cross bars is not greater than the width of the cross bars;

(*k*) in the case of any vehicle the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel not equipped with pneumatic tyres where no other wheel is in the same line transversely or by all the wheels not equipped with pneumatic tyres in line transversely shall be such that the average weight per inch width of tyre in contact with such surface does not exceed 15 hundredweight;

(*l*) a motor vehicle shall be equipped with an efficient brake:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle propelled by steam the engine shall be deemed to be an efficient brake if the engine is capable of being reversed, and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or after 1st January 1952 any brake required by this paragraph shall be capable of being set so as to hold the vehicle when stationary unless another brake fitted to the vehicle is capable of being so set;

(*m*) a trailer shall be equipped with an efficient brake or with suitable scotches or other similar devices to hold the vehicle stationary when necessary;

(*n*) no motor vehicle which exceeds 26 feet in overall length shall draw a trailer:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any broken down vehicle which is being drawn by a motor vehicle in consequence of the breakdown;

(*o*) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels and tracks of a vehicle shall not exceed 150 tons;

(*p*) the overall length of a vehicle shall not exceed 90 feet; and

(*q*) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 20 feet.

Other vehicles carrying loads exceeding 14 *feet in width*

22. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor vehicles and trailers carrying loads where the overall width of the vehicle on which the load is carried together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of the load exceeds 14 feet but does not exceed 20 feet, subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Articles 23(3), 24, 26 and 27 of this Order and also to the condition that the vehicle complies in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations (other than Regulation 106(1) and (2) thereof).

Speed limits for vehicles authorised by Article 20, 21 *or* 22

23.—(1) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 of this Order shall not travel on any road, other than a special road,—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle—

(i) which is not carrying a load,

(ii) which has an overall width not exceeding 9 feet 6 inches, and

(iii) which complies with all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the springs, wings, brakes and tyres with which a vehicle is required to be fitted or equipped, to the weights of vehicles and to the weights transmitted to the road surface by the wheels of vehicles,

at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour; and

(*b*) in any other case, at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour.

(2) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 21 of this Order shall not travel on any road, other than a special road, at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour.

(3) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 22 of this Order shall not travel on any road, other than a special road, at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Attendants

24.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 22 of this Order and in a case where—

(*a*) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 9 feet 6 inches, or

(*b*) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 8 feet but does not exceed 9 feet 6 inches, or

(*c*) the overall length of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 60 feet, or

(*d*) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised a load is carried in such a manner that part of its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles and the overall length of the vehicles by which the load is carried together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 60 feet, or

(*e*) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the combination and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein exceeds 85 feet, or

(*f*) a vehicle the use of which is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 is carrying a load having a forward projection exceeding 6 feet in length or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection as aforesaid.

(2) In a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the foregoing paragraph, at least two persons and in a case where the use of the vehicle on roads is authorised by the said Article 22 and in any of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraphs (*b*) to (*f*) of that paragraph, at least one person, in addition to the person or persons employed as respects a motor vehicle in driving that vehicle, shall be employed in attending to that vehicle and its load and any other vehicle or vehicles drawn by that vehicle and the load carried on the vehicle or vehicles so drawn and to give warning to the driver of the said motor vehicle and to any other person of any danger likely to be caused to any such other person by reason of the presence of the said vehicle or vehicles on the road:

Provided that where, in a case mentioned in the said sub-paragraph (*a*), a vehicle is engaged in engineering operations and moves on a road only to the extent necessary for the efficient performance of such operations it shall be sufficient compliance with this paragraph if one person in addition to the driver or drivers is employed in attending to the vehicle for the purposes aforesaid.

(3) For the purposes of the foregoing paragraph, in a case where a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers and another motor vehicle is used for the purpose of assisting in their propulsion on the road, the person or persons employed in driving that other motor vehicle shall not be treated as a person or persons employed in attending to the first-mentioned vehicle or any vehicle or vehicles drawn thereby.

Marking of projecting loads and fixed appliances or apparatus which project

25.—(1) This Article applies in a case where a load carried by a vehicle the use of which is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or where a special appliance or apparatus fitted to a vehicle the use of which is so authorised—

(*a*) has a forward projection exceeding 6 feet in length or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet in length, or

(*b*) has a rearward projection exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in length but not exceeding 10 feet in length.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Article—

(*a*) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the foregoing paragraph the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 to the Construction and Use Regulations shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 3 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph, and

(*b*) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (*b*) of the foregoing paragraph the conditions specified in paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 6 shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 4 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph.

(3) Where, in any of the cases mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article, a vehicle is carrying a load or is fitted with a special appliance or apparatus and the load or the appliance or apparatus has, in relation to the vehicle, a forward projection or a rearward projection, and another vehicle is attached to that end of the vehicle from which the load or, as the case may be, the appliance or apparatus projects and is attached to that vehicle in such a manner that—

(*a*) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the foremost part of the projection or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the rearmost part of the projection, or

(*b*) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost part of the projection extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost part of the projection extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle, then—

(i) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph, the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article shall not apply as respects any such projection, and

(ii) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (*b*) of this paragraph, the provisions of the said paragraph (2) shall apply as if each of the references in paragraph (1) of this Article to a rearward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a rearward projection as extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle and as if the reference in the said paragraph (1) to a forward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a forward projection as extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle measured, in either case, when the longitudinal axis of each vehicle lies in the same vertical plane between vertical planes at right angles to the said longitudinal axis and passing, in the

case of a rearward projection, through the rearmost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point or, in the case of a forward projection, through the foremost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point.

(4) This Article shall not apply to any motor vehicle or trailer being used—

(*a*) for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or for defence purposes (including civil defence purposes), or

(*b*) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic

if, in any such case, compliance with any provision of this Article would hinder or be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

Approval of the Minister as to the time, date and route of a journey by a vehicle or a vehicle and its load exceeding 14 *feet in width*

26.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads otherwise falls to be authorised—

(*a*) by Article 22 of this Order, or

(*b*) by Article 20 or 21 of this Order where the overall width of the vehicle or, if it is used for carrying a load, where the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 14 feet.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Article, a vehicle mentioned in the foregoing paragraph shall be used only—

(*a*) for the purpose of making such a journey between specified places as the Minister may have approved by notice in writing given to the owner of the vehicle and only at such times (if any), on such a date or dates (if any) and on such a route (if any) as the Minister may have specified in the said notice or as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle shall be used may have specified, in relation to the use of the vehicle in that area, in a direction given to the owner of the vehicle, and

(*b*) if the notice referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph is carried on the vehicle at all times while it is being used for the purpose of making the journey for which the Minister's approval has been given.

(3) Where the effect of any such direction as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the foregoing paragraph is to vary, in relation to a time, a date or a route of the journey approved by the Minister under that sub-paragraph, the time, the date or dates or the route of the said journey, the vehicle shall not be used in accordance with that direction unless the Minister has given his further approval that the vehicle shall be so used.

Notice to police

27.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 22 of this Order and in a case where—

(*a*) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds—

(i) if the vehicle is to be used on a road on which a tramcar is operated, 8 feet, or

(ii) if the vehicle is not to be used on such a road, 9 feet 6 inches, or

(*b*) the overall length of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 50 feet, or

(*c*) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised a load is carried in such a manner that part of its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles and the overall length of the vehicles by which the load is carried together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 50 feet, or

(*d*) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the combination and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein exceeds 85 feet, or

(*e*) a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 is carrying a load having a forward projection or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection as aforesaid, or

(*f*) the total weight of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of such a vehicle and its load or, in a case where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, the total weight of the combination of vehicles or of the said combination and of any load carried by any vehicle or vehicles comprised therein exceeds 75 tons.

(2) Save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles, will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles in that area, with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) as provided by the following paragraph to the chief officer of police of any such area as aforesaid.

(3) The notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 2 to this Order.

(4) Subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by any such chief officer of police as aforesaid, the vehicle or vehicles shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if any dimension or measurement relating to the vehicle or the vehicles (including that relating to a combination of vehicles) or to a special appliance or apparatus or to a load to be carried, being a dimension or measurement of which particulars have been given as aforesaid, is not exceeded.

Notice to highway and bridge authorities

28.—(1) This Article applies in a case where—

(*a*) the total weight of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of such a vehicle and its load or, in a case where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, the total weight of the combination of vehicles or of the said combination and of any load carried by any vehicle or vehicles comprised therein exceeds 75 tons, or

(*b*) as respects any vehicle the use of which is authorised as aforesaid any of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations with respect to the weights of vehicles whether laden or unladen or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels or tracks or, as the case may be, the wheels and tracks, is not complied with or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as respects any or all of the vehicles comprised in the combination is not complied with.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10) of this Article, save in so far as the highway authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles, will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give, in a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the foregoing paragraph, at least six clear days' notice as provided by the following paragraph and, in a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (*b*) of the foregoing paragraph, at least two clear days' notice as so provided (in either case excluding Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) to the highway authority for any such road and to the bridge authority for any such bridge.

(3) The notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part II of Schedule 2 to this Order.

(4) Before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the highway authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity as provided by the following paragraph.

(5) The indemnity referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall be in the form specified in Part III of Schedule 2 to this Order.

(6) In the case of any part of a trunk road where, by virtue of the provisions of section 10 of the Highways Act 1959, the functions of the Minister with respect to maintenance are exercised in England or Wales by the council of a county (including the county of London), the council of a borough (including a metropolitan borough) or the council of an urban district or where, by virtue of the provisions of section 5 of the Trunk Roads Act 1936(**a**), as amended or modified by the Trunk Roads Act 1946(**b**), the functions of the Secretary of State with respect to maintenance and repair are exercised in Scotland by the council of a county or large burgh or where by virtue of an agreement between or having effect under paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Transport Act 1962(**c**) as if between the Minister or the

(**a**) 1 Edw. 8 & 1 Geo. 6. c. 5. (**b**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 30. (**c**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 46.

Secretary of State and either the British Railways Board, the London Transport Board, the British Transport Docks Board or the British Waterways Board, the maintenance or, as the case may be, the maintenance and repair of that part are carried out by any such Board, the notice and indemnity required to be given to the Minister or, as the case may be, the Secretary of State by paragraphs (2) and (4) respectively of this Article shall be treated as given in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Article (as respects the said notice) and paragraph (4) thereof (as respects the said indemnity) only if addressed to, or included in any notice and indemnity given to, such Council or Board as the case may be.

(7) Any notice and indemnity in respect of any part of a trunk road required by the foregoing paragraph to be addressed to, or included in any notice and indemnity given to, the British Railways Board shall be addressed to, or included in a notice and indemnity given to, the Board at the Headquarters of the Regional Railways Board responsible for the part of the railway system which is affected by any such agreement as is mentioned in that paragraph by virtue of the agreement applying to that part of the trunk road.

(8) Where in the case of any trailer, being a vehicle falling within a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Article, at least six days' notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Article and it is found impracticable to use any vehicle specified in the notice (not being a vehicle the use of which upon roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order) as a vehicle intended to draw the trailer, then any other vehicle similar in type to the vehicle so specified may be substituted for that vehicle if at least two clear days' notice of the substitution is given to every authority to whom the previous notice was given, and thereupon the last-mentioned notice shall have effect as if the substituted vehicle and not the replaced vehicle had always been specified therein as the vehicle intended to draw the trailer.

(9) In the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 of this Order, being a vehicle in relation to the use of which notice and an indemnity is required respectively by paragraphs (2) and (4) of this Article to be given to any authority but, in connection with a particular journey, cannot be given to that authority in accordance with the said paragraphs (2) and (4) on account of the urgency of the journey in the national interest, it shall be sufficient compliance with the provisions of the said paragraph (2) (as respects the said notice) and of the said paragraph (4) (as respects the said indemnity) as respects that authority if the notice and indemnity be given so as to be received by that authority or, if sent by post, be posted, before the vehicle is used on any road or bridge for the maintenance and repair of which that authority is responsible:

Provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply if—

(*a*) the vehicle is used solely for carrying any of the vehicles specified in paragraph 1 or 2 in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order, being the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the persons respectively specified opposite thereto in column 3 of that Schedule;

(*b*) the owner of the carrying vehicle has previously consulted the Minister on the route proposed to be followed; and

(*c*) it is certified in writing by the proper naval, military or air force authority that the journey is urgent in the national interest.

(10) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Order, nothing in this Article shall apply to the use on roads of any vehicle which is the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the Admiralty, the Secretary of State for War or the Secretary of State for Air.

Restriction on the passage over bridges of vehicles carrying abnormal indivisible loads

29. Where a motor vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 of this Order is so used or where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and an abnormal indivisible load is being carried by any such vehicle, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not cause or permit either that vehicle or, in the case of a combination of vehicles, any vehicle comprised in the combination—

(*a*) to enter on any bridge whilst there is on that bridge any other vehicle which is either carrying an abnormal indivisible load or is being used to draw a trailer carrying such a load the presence of which is known to or could reasonably be ascertained by him, or

(*b*) to remain stationary on any bridge except in circumstances beyond his control.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 3rd October 1963.

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D. C. Haselgrove,
An Under Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

SCHEDULE 1
(see Article 6)

SERVICE AND AVIATION VEHICLES

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed either for actual combative purposes or for naval, military or air force training in connection therewith or for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of, instruments of war, including guns and machine guns.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for War or Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for either of the said Secretaries of State or for the said Minister or any subcontractor of such contractor.
2. Track laying motor vehicles or track laying trailers constructed either for actual combative purposes or for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of, instruments of war, including guns and machine guns, ammunition, equipment or stores in connection therewith.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for War or Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for either of the said Secretaries of State or for the said Minister or any subcontractor of such contractor.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
3. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of tanks.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for War or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for the said Secretary of State or for the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
4. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of searchlights or the necessary equipment therefor.	Construction and Use Regulation 10. Track Laying Regulation 7.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for War or Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for either of the said Secretaries of State or for the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
5. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of aircraft or aircraft parts.	Construction and Use Regulations 7, 40, 41, 57 and 106. Track Laying Regulations 5, 30 and 75.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for the said Secretary of State or for the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
6. Motor tractors, heavy motor cars and trailers constructed for naval, military, air force or aviation purposes before 1st January 1949.	Construction and Use Regulations 36, 40, 41, 57 and 58.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for War or Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for either of the said Secretaries of State or for the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
7. Heavy motor cars or trailers constructed for use and used only in connection with flying operations where the additional width is made necessary by the design of the equipment or its installation on the vehicle.	Construction and Use Regulations 40 and 57.	Admiralty or Secretary of State for Air or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the Admiralty, for the said Secretary of State or for the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
8. Aircraft drawn by motor vehicles.	Construction and Use Regulations 10 and 56 to 58 (inclusive).	Admiralty or Secretary of State for Air.

SCHEDULE 2

PART I (see Article 27)

Form of Notice to Police

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1963.

In pursuance of Article 27 of the above-mentioned Order I/We..... ..... of ..... being the owner(s) of the under-mentioned vehicle(s) to which the Order applies hereby give notice that it is my/our intention to use the said vehicle(s) on the roads specified below from ..... to ..... starting at approximately ..... a.m./p.m. on the ..... day of ..... and completing the journey at approximately ..... a.m./p.m. on the ..... day of ..... The route proposed to be followed is:—

Ministry of Transport
..... to ..... Classification No. .....
..... to ..... „ „ .....

Note:—Any further particulars of route necessary to define it clearly are to be given overleaf and where a road is unclassified sufficient information is to be given to enable it to be identified.

Particulars

(to be given in respect of each vehicle)

1. Vehicle(s) to which the Order applies.

Index mark and registered number (if any) .....
Carrier's licence number (if any) .....
Type .....
Description of load (if any) .....
Dimensions of vehicle(s) and of load (if any)—
Maximum height of vehicle(s) or of vehicle(s) and load .....
.....
Overall width of vehicle(s) inclusive, where a load is to be carried having a lateral projection, of the width of any such projection .....
Overall length of vehicle(s) .....
Length of any projection of special appliance or apparatus or load—
forward projection .....
rearward projection .....
Distance between vehicles where load is to be carried by more than one vehicle .....
Overall length of any combination of vehicles (inclusive of load) .....
Total weight of vehicle(s) (inclusive of load, if any) .....

2. Other vehicle(s) (if any) drawing or drawn by the above-mentioned vehicle(s).

Index mark and registration number (if any) .....
Carrier's licence number (if any) .....
Type .....
Laden weight .....

Date ..... Signed .....

PART II (see Articles 17, 18 and 28)

Form of Notice to Highway and Bridge Authorities

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1963.

In pursuance of Article 17/18/28 of the above-mentioned Order I/We ..... of ..... being the owner(s) of the under-mentioned vehicle(s) to which the Order applies hereby give notice that it is my/our intention to use the said vehicle(s) on the roads specified below from ..... to ..... starting at approximately ..... a.m./p.m. on the ..... day of ..... and completing the journey at approximately ..... a.m./p.m. on the ..... day of ..... The route proposed to be followed is:—

	Ministry of Transport
..... to	Classification No. .....
..... to	" " .....

Note:—Any further particulars of route necessary to define it clearly are to be given overleaf and where a road is unclassified sufficient information is to be given to enable it to be identified.

Particulars

(to be given in respect of each vehicle)

1. Total number of vehicles to be used including not only vehicles the use of which is authorised only by the Order but also other vehicles to be used in conjunction therewith .....

2. Number of such vehicles the use of which is authorised only by the Order .....

3. Vehicle(s) to which the Order applies.

*(Particulars to be given in respect of each vehicle)

Index mark and registration number (if any).....

Carrier's licence number (if any).....

Type .....

Description of load (if any) .....

Overall dimensions of vehicle(s) (inclusive of load, if any):—

Maximum height .....

Maximum width.....

Maximum length .....

Weight of vehicle(s) (inclusive of load, if any).....

Spacing and weight of load carrying axles—

(*a*) first load carrying axle:

(i) number of wheels .....

(ii) approximate weight on axle .....

(iii) distance to second load carrying axle .....

(*b*) second load carrying axle:

(i) number of wheels .....

(ii) approximate weight on axle .....

(iii) distance to third load carrying axle .....

Repeat for all load carrying axles.

* All particulars in respect of an articulated vehicle should be included under 3 as if it were a single vehicle.

In the case of track laying vehicles a dimensioned sketch plan is to be attached showing the number and disposition of all wheels (if any) and tracks in contact with the road surface indicating the weights transmitted by the wheels or tracks of the vehicle(s).

4. Other vehicle(s) (if any) drawing or drawn by the above-mentioned vehicle(s).

Index mark and registration number (if any) .....

Carrier's licence number (if any) .....

Type .....

Laden weight .....

PART III (see Articles 17, 18 and 28)

Form of Indemnity

I/We hereby agree to indemnify you and each and every highway or bridge authority responsible for the maintenance and repair of any road or bridge on the journey to which the above notice relates in respect of any damage which may be caused to any such road or bridge—

(*a*) by [any of] the above-mentioned vehicle[s]—

(i) by reason of the construction of or weight transmitted to the road surface by [any of] the said vehicle[s], or

(ii) by reason of the dimensions, distribution or adjustment of the load carried by [any of] the said vehicle[s]; or

(*b*) by any other vehicle by reason of the use of [any of] the above-mentioned vehicle[s] on the road or, as the case may be, the bridge;

Provided that any claim in respect of damage so caused by any vehicle shall be made in writing within twelve months from the date on which the vehicle is last used on the journey to which the above notice relates, stating the occasion and place of the damage.

Date ..... Signed .....

Note:—Paragraph (*a*)(ii) above only applies where vehicles are carrying an abnormal indivisible load and in other cases should be omitted.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This Order re-enacts with amendment the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1962 and the amending Orders specified in Article 2 of this Order. The Order provides for authorising, subject to specified restrictions and conditions, the use on roads of special vehicles constructed for special purposes or equipped with special equipment, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply either with all of the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1963 or the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations 1955 as amended or, as the case may be, with such of those requirements as are specified in the Order.

The principal changes made by this Order are:—

(1) The provisions authorising the use of grass cutting machines and hedge trimmers which are motor tractors and of hedge trimmers which are pedestrian controlled vehicles are re-enacted respectively in Articles 8 and 9 subject to an additional condition that all cutting or trimming blades on the vehicle are effectively guarded to avoid danger;

(2) New provision is made in Article 10 for authorising the use of grass cutting machines and hedge trimmers which are trailers subject to the restrictions and conditions specified in that Article (which includes a condition as to the guarding of cutting blades as referred to above);

(3) New provision is made in Article 11 for authorising the use of showmen's trailers subject to the restrictions and conditions specified in that Article;

(4) The restrictions and conditions relating to the use of land tractors used for reaping and threshing are modified as regards the overall width of such vehicles and the speed at which they may be driven and an additional condition is imposed as to the guarding of cutting blades similar to that referred to above in relation to grass cutting machines (Article 15);

(5) The condition as to the maximum speed at which vehicles used for carrying or drawing abnormal indivisible loads may be driven is varied to increase that maximum from 12 to 20 m.p.h. in the case of vehicles which comply with certain conditions and with certain requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations (Article 23(1)).