ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

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1. MOTOR VEHICLES

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(1) AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order, 1948

1948 No. 643

Made - - - - 30*th March*, 1948
Coming into Operation 6*th April*, 1948

Whereas by section 3 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") may by order authorise, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in the Order, the use on roads of special motor vehicles or trailers or special types of motor vehicles or trailers which are constructed either for special purposes or for tests or trials; 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

Now, therefore, the Minister, in exercise of the powers so conferred upon him and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on the sixth day of April, 1948, and may be cited as " The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order, 1948 ".

2. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor vehicles constructed to straddle and lift their loads for the purpose of transportation and commonly known as straddle carriers, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulation 33 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947(a), subject to the following restrictions and conditions, that is to say:—

(*a*) no such vehicle shall be so used except for the purpose of passing from one part of any timberyard, factory, docks, works or other premises where the vehicle is being used to any other part thereof or to any other timberyard, factory, docks, works or other premises in the immediate neighbourhood;

(*b*) no such vehicle shall draw a trailer;

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

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940.

(*d*) the overall length of any such vehicle inclusive of any load carried thereby shall not exceed 30 feet, except with the concurrence of the Chief Officer of Police of the district in which it is proposed that the vehicle shall operate (to whom at least two clear days' notice shall be given unless he consents to a lesser period of notice).

52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this thirtieth day of March, 1948.

(L.S.)

G. F. Stedman,
An Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order authorises, subject to conditions, the use on roads in the vicinity of places where they are used, e.g. docks, timberyards, etc., of heavy motor vehicles specially constructed to straddle and lift their loads for the purpose of transportation and commonly known as straddle carriers, notwithstanding that they do not comply with the provisions as to maximum overhang contained in the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947.

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (No. 2) Order, 1948

1948 No. 1197

Made - - - 5*th June,* 1948
Coming into Operation 19*th June,* 1948

20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

Whereas by section 3 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") may by order authorise, subject to such restrictions and conditions as may be specified in the Order, the use on roads of special motor vehicles or trailers, or special types of motor vehicles or trailers, which are constructed either for special purposes or for tests or trials;

And Whereas in pursuance of the said powers the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order, 1944(**a**), (hereinafter referred to as " the Order of 1944 ") and the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order, 1947(**b**), (hereinafter referred to as " the Order of 1947 ") were made authorising (subject to the conditions therein specified) the use on roads of land tractors constructed for the combined purpose of reaping and threshing notwithstanding that they do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947(**c**), (hereinafter referred to as " the Construction and Use Regulations ");

(**a**) S.R. & O. 1944 (No. 661) I, p. 898.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1290) I, p. 1936.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940.