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The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1957

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under sections 3, 30 and 111 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the twenty-third day of June, 1957, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1957".

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1955(c), as amended(d), shall have effect as though—

(1) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 3, for the definition of "close-coupled" there were substituted the following definition:—

> "'close-coupled', in relation to a trailer, means that the wheels on the same side of the trailer are so fitted that at all times while it is in motion they remain parallel to the longitudinal axis of the trailer, and that the distance between the centres of their respective areas of contact with the road surface does not exceed thirty-three inches;";

(2) for paragraphs (2) and (3) of Regulation 6 there were substituted the following paragraph:—

> "(2) The overall length of any motor vehicle other than an articulated vehicle shall not exceed 30 feet.";

(3) in Regulation 38, after proviso (*b*) there were inserted the following proviso:—

> "(*bb*) in the case of a heavy motor car designed and mainly used as a fire fighting appliance and not exceeding 20 feet in overall length, the overhang may be increased by not more than 9 inches, but shall in no case exceed 7/24ths of the overall length;";

(4) in paragraph (7) of Regulation 39, at the beginning of sub-paragraph (*a*) (i) there were inserted the words "except in the case of a works truck";

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1955/482 (1955 II, p. 2242).
(d) S.I. 1956/540, 1957/359 (1956 II, p. 2004; 1957 II, p. 1976).

(5) in Regulation 44—

(*a*) in paragraph (5), for proviso (*e*) there were substituted the following proviso:—

"(*e*) in the case of a motor car the unladen weight of which does not exceed two tons, or which is constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver, it shall be deemed to be a sufficient compliance with this paragraph if one means of operation operates brakes fitted to all but two of the wheels and, as respects each of those two wheels, operates a brake on the shaft leading thereto and no gearing is interposed between the brake and the wheel.";

(*b*) in paragraph (7), at the beginning of sub-paragraph (*a*) (i) there were inserted the following words:—

"except in the case of a works truck and";

(6) for Regulations 59, 60 and 61 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Markings on locomotives, tractors and heavy motor cars*

59. The owner of a locomotive, motor tractor or heavy motor car shall cause the unladen weight of the vehicle to be painted or otherwise plainly marked upon some conspicuous place on the left or near side of the vehicle:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply to a heavy motor car not registered under the Roads Act, 1920, or the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949.";

(7) Regulation 63 were omitted.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this third day of June, 1957.

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Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1955, as amended.

The principal changes are:—

(1) The maximum permitted overall length of four-wheeled public service vehicles registered before 1st July, 1956, is increased from 27 feet to 30 feet (Regulation 2 (2)).

(2) The provisions as to the fitting on certain vehicles of brakes which do not operate directly on the wheels are modified (Regulation 2 (5) (*a*)).

(3) It is no longer necessary to exhibit a speed limit disc on any vehicle or to mark, on the near side of a motor tractor or a heavy motor car, the maximum speed at which the vehicle may be driven (Regulation 2 (6) and (7)).