STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	16*th August*, 1961
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Coming into Operation:	
Regs. 1, 2 - -	1*st September*, 1961
Reg. 3 - - -	1*st October*, 1961

The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under section 64 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 260 of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations, except Regulation 3, shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1961, and the said Regulation 3 shall come into operation on the first day of October, 1961.

(2) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1961.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for 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, in the definition of "overall length", for the words "(*c*) any ladder forming part of a turntable fire escape fixed to a vehicle," there were substituted the words "(*c*) any expanding or extensible contrivance forming part of a turntable fire escape fixed to a vehicle,";

(2) in the proviso to Regulation 38—

(*a*) after paragraph (*a*) there were inserted the following paragraph:—

"(*aa*) in the case of a heavy motor car not exceeding 20 feet in overall length, the overhang may be increased by not more than 9 inches, but not so as to exceed 7/24ths of the overall length of the vehicle;", and

(*b*) for paragraph (*bb*) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*bb*) in the case of a heavy motor car exceeding 20 feet in overall length, the overhang may be increased by not more than 15 inches, but not so as to exceed 7/24ths of the overall length of the vehicle;"; and

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1955/482 (1955 II, p. 2242).
(d) S.I. 1956/540, 1957/359, 971, 1959/1936, 2231, 1960/1065, 1961/1313 (1956 II, p. 2004; 1957 II, pp. 1976, 1985; 1959 II, pp. 2352, 2361; 1960 III, p. 2960; 1961 II, p. 2542).

(3) in the proviso to Regulation 43—

(*a*) for paragraph (*b*) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(*b*) in the case of a motor car not exceeding 20 feet in overall length, the overhang may be increased by not more than 9 inches, but not so as to exceed 7/24ths of the overall length of the vehicle;", and

(*b*) after paragraph (*b*) there were inserted the following paragraph:—

"(*bb*) in the case of a motor car exceeding 20 feet in overall length, the overhang may be increased by not more than 15 inches, but not so as to exceed 7/24ths of the overall length of the vehicle;".

3. Paragraph (2) of Regulation 2 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959(**a**) (which amended paragraph (4) of Regulation 3 of the said Regulations of 1955), is hereby revoked.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this sixteenth day of August, 1961.

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Secretary to the Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1955 to provide as follows:—

(1) the definition of the overall length of a vehicle is amended to exclude from that length any expanding or extensible contrivance forming part of a turntable fire escape fitted to a vehicle (Regulation 2 (1));

(2) the overhang (as defined in Regulation 3 (1) of the 1955 Regulations) of heavy motor cars and motor cars not exceeding 20 feet in overall length may be increased by not more than 9 inches, and that of such vehicles exceeding that length may be increased by not more than 15 inches, so long as the overhang, as so increased, does not exceed 7/24ths of the overall length of the vehicle (Regulation 2 (2) and (3)); and

(3) Regulation 3 (4) of the 1955 Regulations, as amended by Regulation 2 (2) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959, provides that for the purposes of those Regulations, with the exception of sub-paragraph (*c*) of Regulation 4A (3) (which relates to the use of three-wheeled land tractors in certain circumstances), two wheels of a vehicle are to be regarded as one wheel if they are less than 18 inches apart. On 1st October, 1961, Regulation 2 (2) of the 1959 Regulations (which provided for the exception as regards the said sub-paragraph (*c*)) is revoked (Regulation 3).

(**a**) S.I. 1959/1936 (1959 II, p. 2352).