STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 1456

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1969

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 64(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(**a**), as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962(**b**), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 30th October 1969 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) 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 1969(**d**), as amended (**e**), shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 4, in paragraph (5), after the words "other than" there were inserted the words "Regulation 75A and other than"; and

(2) after Regulation 75 there were added the following Regulation—

"*Additional weight restrictions*

75A.—(1) In this Regulation "plate", in relation to a vehicle, means the plate with which it is required to be equipped by Regulation 30.

(2) Paragraph (3) of this Regulation applies to a goods vehicle, being a heavy motor car or motor car to which Regulation 30(1) applies, and for which no plating certificate has been issued.

(3) As respects a motor vehicle to which this paragraph applies, whether or not drawing or being drawn by another vehicle, the following provisions of this paragraph shall apply as from 1 February 1970—

(*a*) the maximum gross weight shown in its plate shall not be exceeded;

(**a**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(**b**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59.
(**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**d**) S.I. 1969/321 (1969 I, p.829).
(**e**) There are no relevant amending instruments.

(*b*) the maximum axle weight for each axle shown in its plate shall not be exceeded:

Provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply in the case of any axle being one of two or more axles to which the following sub-paragraph applies;

(*c*) where any two or more axles are fitted with a compensating arrangement in accordance with Regulation 9, the sum of the maximum axle weights for those axles so fitted shown in its plate shall not be exceeded;

(*d*) the maximum train weight (if any) shown in its plate shall not be exceeded.

(4) Paragraph (5) of this Regulation applies to a goods vehicle, being a trailer to which Regulation 30(1) applies, and for which no plating certificate has been issued.

(5) As respects a trailer to which this paragraph applies, the following provisions of this paragraph shall apply as from 1 February 1970—

(*a*) the maximum gross weight shown in its plate shall not be exceeded;

(*b*) the maximum axle weight for each axle shown in its plate shall not be exceeded:

Provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply in the case of any axle being one of two or more axles to which the following sub-paragraph applies;

(*c*) where any two or more axles are fitted with a compensating arrangement in accordance with Regulation 9, the sum of the maximum axle weights for those axles so fitted shown in its plate shall not be exceeded.

(6) Nothing in Regulations 71, 72, 73, 74 or 75 shall be taken to permit any such weight as is mentioned in the preceding provisions of this Regulation to be exceeded and nothing in this Regulation shall be taken to permit any weight mentioned in any of the said Regulations 71 to 75 to be exceeded."; and

(3) in Schedule 2—

(*a*) in Part II—

(i) after the item numbered "6" and relating to maximum gross weight, there were added the following item—

"7. Year of manufacture (*d*).";

(ii) at the end of Part II, there were added the following paragraph—

"(*d*) This item need not be completed in the case of a trailer manufactured before 1 April 1970."; and

(*b*) in Part III, in the item numbered "4"—

(i) in paragraph (*a*), after the words "motor vehicle", there were inserted the words "or a trailer";

(ii) in paragraph (*b*), after the words "motor vehicle", there were inserted the words "or trailer"; and

(iii) paragraph (*c*) were omitted.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 8th October 1969.

(L.S.)

Fred Mulley,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not Part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1969.

Regulation 30 of the 1969 Regulations provides that certain heavy motor cars, motor cars and trailers shall be equipped with plates issued by the manufacturer of those vehicles specifying, inter alia, certain weights. These Regulations now require that in the case of such vehicles, being goods vehicles for which no plating certificate has been issued under the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968/601), the weights shown in their plates shall not be exceeded (Regulation 2(2)).

These Regulations also require that, in the case of plates on trailers manufactured on or after 1 April 1970, the year in which the trailer is manufactured shall be included in the particulars to be shown on its plate (Regulation 2(3)).