STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1980

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(1) and (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and now vested in him (b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 8th April 1980, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1980.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978(c) shall be further amended so as to have effect in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. In Regulation 9 (overall length), for paragraphs (2) and (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

"(2) The overall length of a large passenger carrying vehicle shall not exceed 12 metres in the case of a vehicle which is so constructed as to be capable of turning in either direction in a circle which, when traced at ground level by a vertical line passing through any part of the vehicle included in the overall length and the overall width of the vehicle, does not exceed in diameter 24 metres.

(3) The overall length of a motor vehicle, not being a vehicle to which paragraph (1) or (2) above relates, shall not exceed 11 metres.

(4) In this Regulation "large passenger carrying vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted to carry more than twelve seated passengers in addition to the driver.".

4. For Regulation 135 (which imposes restrictions on the drawing of trailers by public service vehicles) there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"**135.**—(1) No trailer shall be drawn by a public service vehicle except—

(*a*) in a case where one public service vehicle is drawing another public service vehicle to meet the circumstances of an emergency if neither vehicle is carrying any passenger; or

(a) 1972 c. 20. (b) S.I. 1979/571.
(c) S.I. 1978/1017; to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(*b*) in a case where the drawing of the trailer and the means by which the trailer is attached to the drawing vehicle have been approved in writing by a certifying officer.

(2) In this Regulation "certifying officer" has the same meaning as is assigned to that expression in section 128(1) of the 1960 Act.".

Norman Fowler,
Minister of Transport.

3rd March 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978 by:—

(1) amending Regulation 9 so that (*a*) the overall length of a large passenger carrying vehicle (as defined in that Regulation) not being an articulated vehicle if it is so constructed as to be capable of turning within a certain circle, shall not exceed 12 metres and (*b*) the overall length of a vehicle, not being a vehicle otherwise provided for in the Regulation, shall not exceed 11 metres; and

(2) amending Regulation 135 so as to extend the circumstances in which a public service vehicle may lawfully draw a trailer.

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