STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1967 No. 1753

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1967

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of her 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 powers her enabling in that behalf, 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 the 1st April 1968 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1967.

(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 1966(d), as amended(e), shall have effect as though for Regulation 82 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Condition and maintenance of tyres*

82.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2) of this Regulation, no person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle or trailer a wheel of which is fitted with a pneumatic tyre, if—

(*a*) the tyre is unsuitable having regard to the use to which the motor vehicle or trailer is being put or to the types of tyres fitted to its other wheels;

(*b*) the tyre is not so inflated as to make it fit for the use to which the motor vehicle or trailer is being put;

(*c*) the tyre has a break in its fabric, or has a cut in excess of one inch or 10 per cent. of the section width of the tyre, whichever is the greater, measured in any direction on the outside of the tyre and deep enough to reach the body cords;

(*d*) the tyre has any lump or bulge caused by separation or partial failure of its structure;

(*e*) the tyre has any portion of the ply or cord structure exposed; or

(*f*) where the tyre is fitted to a wheel of a motor vehicle, being a motor cycle whereof the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 50 cubic centimetres, the tread of the tyre does not show throughout at least three quarters of the breadth of the tread and round the entire outer circumference of the tyre a pattern the relief of which is clearly

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1966/1288 (1966 III, p. 3493). (e) There is no relevant amending Instrument.

visible, or where the tyre is fitted to the wheel of any other motor vehicle or any trailer, the tread pattern (excluding any tie-bar) of the tyre does not have a depth of at least 1 mm. throughout at least three quarters of the breadth of the tread and round the entire outer circumference of the tyre:

Provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply in the case of a motor cycle having three wheels, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 2 hundredweight and which is incapable of exceeding a speed of 12 miles per hour on the level under its own power.

(2) Nothing in the foregoing paragraph shall apply to a land locomotive, land tractor, land implement or land implement conveyor, or to an agricultural trailer when the trailer is being drawn by a land tractor.

(3) No person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle or trailer a wheel of which is fitted with a recut pneumatic tyre the fabric of which has been cut or exposed by the recutting process.

(4) Without prejudice to paragraphs (1) and (3) of this Regulation, all the tyres of a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times while the vehicle or trailer is used on a road be maintained in such condition as to be fit for the use to which the vehicle or trailer is being put, and as to be free from any defect which might in any way cause damage to the surface of the road or danger to persons on or in the vehicle or to other persons using the road.".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 24th November 1967.

(L.S.)

Barbara Castle,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1966 by making more stringent provision with which tyres fitted to motor vehicles and trailers must comply.