EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order re-enacts with amendments the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order, 1944, which authorises, subject to certain conditions, the use on roads of combined harvester machines notwithstanding that they do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 28 and 29 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947, which restrict the overall width and overhang of motor tractors to 7 feet 6 inches and 6 feet respectively.

The changes are

(*a*) the maximum overall width of 10 feet permitted for such vehicles is increased to 14 feet during the months of July, August, September, October and November;

(*b*) the advance notice required to be given to the police in respect of journeys exceeding 5 miles is reduced from 2 days to 24 hours, and the police are empowered to give directions as to the route to be followed;

(*c*) the speed limit of 10 miles per hour is reduced to 5 miles per hour in the case of vehicles having an overall width exceeding 10 feet.

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(2) CONSTRUCTION AND USE

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 976

Made - - - -	*7th May*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*10th May*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*21st May*, 1948

20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") made the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947(a) (hereinafter referred to as " The Principal Regulations ");

And Whereas in exercise of the said powers the Minister made the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947(b), which provide that until the 1st day of June, 1948, Regulation 31 of the Principal Regulations (which provides that every wheel of a motor tractor shall be equipped with pneumatic tyres or tyres of soft or elastic material except in the case of land tractors which comply with, amongst other requirements, the requirement that the tyre of every steering wheel should be smooth-soled and where the tyre touches the surface of the road should be not less than 2½ inches

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(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940.
(b) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1623) I, p. 1972.

in width) should cease to apply to land tractors first registered on or before the 1st day of June, 1947, whether or not they comply with the said requirement as to steering wheels;

And Whereas it is expedient that the provisions made by the last mentioned Regulations should be extended until the 1st day of June, 1949;

Now, therefore, the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him as aforesaid and of all other powers him enabling hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 21st May, 1948, and may be cited as " The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948 ".

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1947, shall have effect as though in Regulation 2 thereof the words " 1st day of June, 1949," were substituted for the words " 1st day of June, 1948 ".

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this seventh day of May, 1948.

(L.S.) *Alfred Barnes,*
The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations extend for a further year the period during which land tractors first registered on or before 1st June, 1947, are exempt from the need to comply with the requirements of Regulation 31 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947, as to the tyres of steering wheels.

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(3) DRIVING LICENCES

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 48

Made - - - -	14*th January*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	20*th January*, 1948
Coming into Operation	18*th February*, 1948

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50.