EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order authorises conditionally the use on roads of mechanically propelled hay and straw balers notwithstanding that they do not comply with the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947, as to overall width and overhang.

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950

1950 No. 666

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and of all other powers him enabling hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of May, 1950, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950".

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947(c), as amended by the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947(d), shall have effect as though—

(1) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 the following definitions were substituted for the definitions of "Overall length", "Overall width" and "Registered" respectively:—

"" Overall length" means the length of a vehicle measured between vertical planes at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points thereof exclusive of:—

(*a*) any starting handle,

(*b*) any hood when down,

(*c*) any ladder forming part of a turntable fire-escape fixed to a vehicle,

(*d*) any telescopic fog lamp when extended,

(*e*) any snow-plough fixed in front of a vehicle, and

(*f*) any post office letter box the length of which measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle does not exceed 12 inches.";

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940.
(d) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 1322) I, p. 1971.

" " Overall width " means the width of a vehicle measured between vertical planes parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points thereof exclusive of:—

(*a*) any driving mirror,

(*b*) any direction indicator when in operation,

(*c*) any snow-plough fixed in front of the vehicle,

(*d*) so much of the distortion of any tyre as is caused by the weight of the vehicle, and

(*e*) in the case of vehicles registered before 2nd January, 1939, so much of a swivelling window designed to allow the driver to give hand signals as projects when opened not more than 4 inches beyond the side of the vehicle." ; and

" " Registered " means—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle which was registered at any time under the Roads Act, 1920(**a**), the date on which it was first so registered ; and

(*b*) in the case of any other vehicle the date on which it was first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(**b**)." ;

(2) the following Regulation were substituted for Regulation 6—

" 6.—(1) The overall length of an articulated vehicle shall not exceed 33 feet ;

Provided that—

(*a*) the total overall length of any eight-wheeled articulated vehicle registered before 1st January, 1931, may equal but shall not exceed 36 feet ;

(*b*) this paragraph shall not apply in the case of an articulated vehicle constructed and normally used for the conveyance of indivisible loads of exceptional length,

(i) if all the wheels of the vehicle are fitted with pneumatic tyres, and

(ii) if all the wheels of the vehicle are not fitted with pneumatic tyres but the vehicle is not driven at a speed exceeding 12 m.p.h.

(2) The overall length of a public service vehicle which has—

(*a*) four wheels and is a double-decked vehicle shall not exceed 26 feet ;

Provided that the said length of 26 feet may be exceeded—

(i) by not more than 9 inches in the case of any such vehicle registered after 1st June, 1942, and before 1st May, 1947 ; and

(ii) by not more than 12 inches in the case of any such vehicle registered on or after 1st June, 1950.

(*b*) four wheels and is a single-decked vehicle shall not exceed 27 feet 6 inches ;

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.

Provided that the said length of 27 feet 6 inches may be exceeded by not more than 2 feet 6 inches in the case of any such vehicle registered on or after 1st June, 1950;

(*c*) more than four wheels shall not exceed 30 feet(a).

(3) The overall length of any motor vehicle other than an articulated vehicle or a public service vehicle shall not exceed 27 feet 6 inches in the case of a vehicle with four wheels nor 30 feet in the case of a vehicle with more than four wheels." ; and

(3) the following Regulation were inserted immediately after Regulation 6—

"Overall height of public service vehicles.

6A. The overall height of a public service vehicle shall not exceed 15 feet ".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twenty-fourth day of April, 1950.

(L.S.)

Alfred Barnes,
The Minister of Transport.

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

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947. The principal changes are as follows:—

(*a*) The definitions of " overall length " and " overall width " are amended to provide a somewhat different method of calculation for their measurement.

(*b*) The definition of " registered " is amended to cover the case of vehicles registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, which has now superseded the Roads Act, 1920, as regards registration of motor vehicles.

(*c*) Provision is made as to the maximum permitted overall length and height of public service vehicles, the former being increased in certain cases. These matters were formerly provided for in Regulations 4 and 5 of the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941 (S.R. & O. 1941 (No. 514), p. 1052), which have now been revoked by the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950 (S.I. 1950 No. 677)(b).

(a) Sub-paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) substituted, *see* p. 736 below. (b) *See* p. 754 below.