# 1956 No. 540

# The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under sections 3, 30 and 111 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

**1.**—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of June, 1956, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1956".

(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, 1955(c), shall have effect as though—

(*a*) in Regulation 6, for paragraph (2) the following paragraph were substituted :—

"(2) The overall length of a public service vehicle shall not exceed—

(*a*) 27 feet if it has four wheels, is a double-decked vehicle and is registered before 1st July, 1956 ; or

(*b*) in any other case, 30 feet." ;

(*b*) in Regulation 67, for paragraph (1) the following paragraph were substituted :—

"(1) In the case of a heavy motor car or a motor car which is a public service vehicle the total weight transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely shall not exceed 9 tons, and the sum of the weights so transmitted by all the wheels shall not exceed 14 tons.".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this tenth day of April, 1956.

(L.S.) *Harold Watkinson*,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(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, 1955, in the following respects:—

(1) Regulation 6 is modified so that the overall length of a four-wheeled double-decked public service vehicle shall not exceed—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle first registered before 1st July, 1956, 27 feet ;

(*b*) in the case of a vehicle first registered on or after that date, 30 feet.

(2) Changes are made in Regulation 67 which governs the laden weight maxima applying to public service vehicles.

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1955/482 (1955 II, p. 2242).