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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1964

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Coming into Operation	*22nd May* 1964

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his 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 him 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 22nd May 1964, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1964.

(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 1963(d) shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 3(1), in the definition of "overhang" after sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (*a*) there were inserted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(v) in the case of a public service vehicle constructed to draw a trailer, any part of the vehicle designed primarily for use as a means of attaching the trailer and any fitting designed for use in connection with such part, being a part and fitting the total length of which measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle does not exceed 12 inches; and";

(2) for Regulation 102 there was substituted the following Regulation:—

"102. No trailer shall be drawn by a public service vehicle: Provided that this Regulation shall not apply—

(1) to the drawing of one empty public service vehicle by another empty public service vehicle in case of emergency:

(2) to the drawing of a gas trailer by a public service vehicle; or

(3) to the drawing of a trailer by a public service vehicle if—

(*a*) the public service vehicle is being used—

(i) under, or for the purposes of providing a road service under, a road service licence a condition of which is that trailers may be used, or

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1963/1646 (1963 III, p. 3095).

(ii) as respects a vehicle used by the London Transport Board, on a route approved by the traffic commissioner for the Metropolitan Traffic Area under section 141 of the 1960 Act, a condition of the approval being that trailers may be used,

(*b*) the trailer is one the drawing of which by the public service vehicle concerned has been approved by a certifying officer; and

(*c*) the means of attaching the trailer to the public service vehicle is approved by that officer.".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 24th April 1964.

(L.S.) *Ernest Marples,*
The Minister of Transport.

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 1963 so as to:—

(*a*) exempt from the meaning of the expression "overhang", and hence any restriction on the overhang of a vehicle, any part of and fitting on a public service vehicle not exceeding 12 inches in length for attaching a trailer to such a vehicle (Reg. 2(1));

(*b*) permit trailers to be drawn by public service vehicles if the use of the trailers has been approved by the traffic commissioners and the trailers and means of attachment to the public service vehicles have been approved by a certifying officer (Reg. 2(2)).