Direction Indicators and Stop Lights.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (DIRECTION INDICATOR AND STOP LIGHT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1936, DATED THE FOURTH DAY OF JUNE, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, hereby makes and prescribes the following Regulations :—

Title and commencement of Regulations.

1. These Regulations may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicator and Stop Light) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936," and shall come into force on the first day of August, 1936.

Application.

2. These Regulations shall apply to every motor vehicle registered for the first time under the Roads Act, 1920, on or after the first day of August, 1936.

Definitions.

3. In these Regulations :—

the expression "motor vehicle" means a road vehicle (other than a tramcar operated under the authority of any enactment) moved, propelled or drawn by mechanical or electrical power ;

the expression "direction indicator" means a device fitted to a motor vehicle for the purpose of intimating the intention of the driver to change the direction of the vehicle to the right or to the left ;

the expression "stop light" means a device fitted to a motor vehicle for the purpose of intimating the intention of the driver of the vehicle to stop or slow down ; and

the expression "pillarless saloon motor car" means a motor car which is constructed solely for the conveyance of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver, and which has :—

(*a*) an enclosed body with four doors ; and

(*b*) no vertical dividing pillar between the doors on either side of the vehicle.

Illuminated indicators.

4. Every direction indicator in the case of vehicles fitted with electric lighting equipment shall when in operation be in the form of an illuminated sign of amber colour of a minimum illuminated length of .6 inches and of a maximum illuminated breadth not exceeding one-fourth of the illuminated length, and the illuminated surface shall be visible from both the front and the rear of the vehicle.

ndicators not illuminated.

5. Every direction indicator in the case of vehicles not fitted with electric lighting equipment shall be in the form of a hand not less than 6 inches in length, presenting a white surface visible from both the front and rear of the vehicle.

Position of indicators.

6.—(1) A direction indicator intended to intimate a right-hand turn shall be fitted only on the right or off side and a direction indicator intended to intimate a left-hand turn shall be fitted only on the left or near side of the vehicle, and, except as hereinafter provided in Regulation 7 hereof, every direction indicator shall be so designed and fitted that—

(*a*) it is not more than 4 feet behind the base of the windscreen ;

(*b*) it is not more than 6 feet 6 inches above the level of the ground ;

(*c*) when in operation—

(i) it temporarily alters the outline of the vehicle to the extent of at least 6 inches measured horizontally ;

(ii) the outermost point of the indicator shall be at least 6 inches further from the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than is the outermost point of the driver's cab or of the side of the body immediately behind the driver's seat ; and

(iii) it remains steady.

(*d*) the driver of the vehicle when in his driving seat may be readily aware that it is operating correctly ;

Provided that paragraph 1 (*a*) of this Regulation shall not apply in the case of pillarless saloon motor cars if the direction indicator is not situated behind the widest part of the body.

Additional indicators.

7. Additional direction indicators in the form specified in Regulation 4 hereof may be fitted at the rear of any vehicle provided that—

(*a*) they are used only coincidentally with those fitted in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6 hereof, and

(*b*) they are visible at a reasonable distance from any point in the rear of the vehicle.

8. Every direction indicator shall be so fitted that when not in operation it will not be likely to mislead the driver of any other vehicle or any person controlling traffic. Position when not in operation.

9. Every stop light shall be fitted at the rear of the vehicle and not to the left of the centre thereof and when in operation shall show a red or amber light. Position and colour of stop lights.

Provided that nothing in this Regulation shall prevent the fitting of a duplicate stop light on the left or near side of the vehicle which comes into operation at the same time as the stop light fitted at the centre or on the right or off side of the vehicle.

10. Every light shown by a direction indicator or a stop light shall be diffused by means of frosted glass or other adequate means and shall be a steady light. Nature of illumination.

11. Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to require that a direction indicator or a stop light shall be fitted to any motor vehicle. Indicators or stop lights not compulsory.

12. Nothing in these Regulations shall in any way affect or apply to trolley vehicles authorised by the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland), 1930.

13. The Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. Interpretation.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 4th day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

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Goods Vehicles Regulations.

THE GOODS VEHICLES REGULATIONS, 1936, DATED THE 25TH DAY OF MAY, 1936.

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WHEREAS the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926 to 1934, made Regulations on the 28th day of September, 1934, entitled the Goods Vehicles Regulations, 1934:

And whereas the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland on the 28th day of September, 1934, approved of the provisions contained in Articles 6 and 18 of the aforesaid Regulations: