STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 1553

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations 1963

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under sections 99, 113 and 253 of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 30th September 1963, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations 1963.

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

(3) In these Regulations references to the Act shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended or applied by or under any subsequent enactment.

2. For the purposes of Part II of the Act and all regulations thereunder (which relate to the minimum age for driving motor vehicles and the licensing of drivers thereof) the maximum weight specified in subsection (5) of section 253 (which subsection defines the expression "invalid carriage" for the purposes of the Act) shall be varied from five hundredweight to six hundredweight.

3. Paragraph (*b*) of section 99(5) of the Act (which provides for certain tests of competence to drive to be taken as sufficient for the granting of licences authorising the driving of particular classes or descriptions of vehicles) shall apply to invalid carriages the weight of which unladen exceeds five hundredweight but does not exceed six hundredweight (as respects a test of competence to drive vehicles of a class or description comprised in Group 10 of the groups of vehicles set out in the first column in Schedule 5 to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963(c) passed before the coming into operation of these Regulations).

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 10th September 1963.

(L.S.)

Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1963/1026 (1963 II, p. 1730).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations vary the maximum weight in the definition of invalid carriage from 5 cwt. to 6 cwt. for the purposes of Part II of the Road Traffic Act 1960 and all regulations thereunder, which relate to the minimum age for driving motor vehicles and the licensing of drivers thereof. In particular group 10 in Schedule 5 to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 will be extended to include invalid carriages up to 6 cwt. and persons at present entitled to a licence enabling them to drive invalid carriages up to 5 cwt. will become entitled to a licence enabling them to drive invalid carriages up to 6 cwt.