STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 439

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1979

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Coming into Operation *1st July* 1979

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 43(6) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of Section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1979, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1979.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976(b), are hereby further amended by substituting, in paragraph 10 in Part IV of Schedule 3 (Manner and Conditions of Carrying out Examinations of Motor Vehicles and Apparatus to be used) thereto, for sub-paragraph (3) the following sub-paragraph:—

"(3) For the purpose of the examination of a head lamp in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, the direction of the beam of light which would be emitted from that lamp if it were to be used to show a light to the front in the circumstances specified in the said sub-paragraph (2) shall be tested:—

(*a*) if the vehicle is a vehicle in Class I or II, in either of the following ways:—

(i) by causing the lamp to show a light and ascertaining what the direction is in relation to the vehicle of the beam of light emitted therefrom by the use of apparatus designed and constructed for the purpose of ascertaining within reasonable limits of precision the direction of the beam of light emitted from such a lamp;

(ii) by placing the vehicle on level or uniformly sloping ground, causing the head lamp to show a light so that the beam of light emitted therefrom is thrown on a screen or wall, and ascertaining what the direction of that beam of light is in relation to the vehicle;

(a) 1972 c. 20.
(b) S I. 1976/1977, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

* This instrument was laid before Parliament on 9th May 1979.

(*b*) if the vehicle is a vehicle in Class III, IV or V, by causing the lamp to show a light and ascertaining what the direction is in relation to the vehicle of the beam of light emitted therefrom by the use of apparatus designed and constructed for the purpose of ascertaining within reasonable limits of precision the direction, in both the horizontal and vertical planes, of the beam of light emitted from such a lamp.

William Rodgers,
3rd April 1979. Secretary of State for Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations amend paragraph 10 in Part IV of Schedule 3 to the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976 so as to make obligatory at a vehicle testing station the use of beam-setting equipment for testing the direction of the head lamp beams of vehicles in Class III, IV or V.

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