STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 2256

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Extension) Order, 1961

Made - - - - 20*th October*, 1961
Coming into Operation 31*st December*, 1961

The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under subsection (3) of section 66 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Extension) Order, 1961, and shall come into operation on the thirty-first day of December, 1961.

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

2. Subsection (2) of section 66 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960, shall have effect with the substitution, for ten years, of seven years.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twentieth day of October, 1961.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 66 (1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1960, makes it an offence to use on a road at any time a motor vehicle to which that section applies and which was first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, or the Roads Act, 1920, more than ten years previously, unless a test certificate has been issued as respects that vehicle within the preceding twelve months.

This Order extends the application of section 66 (1) to motor vehicles first registered more than seven years ago. As it comes into operation on 31st December, 1961, its effect will be that a motor vehicle which was first registered on or before 31st December, 1954, or which subsequently reaches the seventh anniversary of the date of first registration, may not be used on roads on or after 31st December, 1961, or the seventh anniversary of the date of first registration, as the case may be, unless a test certificate has been issued within the preceding twelve months for the vehicle.

In accordance with section 66 (3) of the Act, this Order was approved by a resolution of the House of Lords on 14th November, 1961, and a resolution of the House of Commons on 20th November, 1961.

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.