Class of Vehicle	Maximum Speed in miles per hour
(a) if all the wheels of both the tractor and the trailer are fitted with pneumatic tyres or tyres of a soft or elastic material	20
(b) in any other case	5
(iii) when drawing a trailer which is not fitted with a braking system prescribed by Regulation 49 of the Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1956, or Regulation 31 of the Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track-laying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1956, irrespective of the class of tyres used on either the tractor or the trailer	5
5. Heavy locomotives and light locomotives—	
(i) when not drawing more than two trailers and if fitted with pneumatic tyres or tyres of a soft or elastic material	12
(ii) in any other case	5
6. Any motor vehicle drawing a trailer and not included in one of the above categories	30

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations consolidate, with some amendments, provision contained in previous Regulations concerning the special speed limits applicable to certain classes of vehicles, both wheeled and track-laying.

MOTOR VEHICLES: USE AND CONSTRUCTION

Track Laying Vehicles

REGULATIONS DATED 20TH JANUARY, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION FOUR OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1955.

1958. No. 8 [C]

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section four of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

(a) 1955. c. 27.

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of February, 1958, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958".

2. The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) (1956(a)), shall have effect as though—

(1) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 2:—

(*a*) after the definition of "overall width" there were inserted the following definition:—

"'passenger vehicle' means a vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects";

(*b*) in the definition of "pneumatic tyre" for requirement (i) there were substituted the following requirement:—

"(i) it shall be provided with, or together with the wheel upon which it is mounted shall form, a continuous closed chamber inflated to a pressure substantially exceeding atmospheric pressure when the tyre is in the condition in which it is normally used, but is not subjected to any load";

(*c*) at the end of the definition of "works trailer" and at the end of the definition of "works truck" there were inserted the following words:—

"or in connection with road works while at or in the immediate neighbourhood of the site of such works";

(2) in Regulation 6, at the end of paragraph (2), there were inserted the following head:—

"or

(*d*) any broken-down vehicle which is being drawn by a motor vehicle in consequence of the breakdown";

(3) for Regulation 14 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Mirrors*

14.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2)—

(*a*) as from the 1st October, 1958, the following motor vehicles, namely, every passenger vehicle adapted to carry more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver, and every goods vehicle, including every dual-purpose vehicle, shall be equipped with at least two mirrors; one of these shall be fitted externally on the off side of the vehicle, and the other either internally or on the near side externally; and the mirrors shall be so constructed and fitted to the motor vehicle as to assist the driver, if he so desires, to become aware of traffic to the rear and on both sides rearwards;

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 149.

(*b*) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*), every motor vehicle shall be equipped either internally or externally with a mirror so constructed and fitted to the motor vehicle as to assist the driver, if he so desires, to become aware of traffic to the rear of the vehicle.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to:—

(*a*) a land locomotive;

(*b*) a land tractor;

(*c*) a motor vehicle when drawing a trailer if a person is carried on the trailer in a position which affords an uninterrupted view to the rear and such a person is provided with efficient means of communicating to the driver the effect of signals given by the drivers of other vehicles in rear thereof;

(*d*) a works truck if the driver can easily obtain a clear view of traffic to the rear.

(4) for Regulations 36 and 37 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Markings on tractors and heavy motor cars*

36. The owner of a locomotive, motor tractor or heavy motor car shall cause the unladen weight of the vehicle to be painted or otherwise plainly marked upon some conspicuous place on the near or off side of the vehicle:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply to a heavy motor car which is not registered."

(5) for Regulation 51 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Use of vehicles so as not to emit smoke etc.*

51. No person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle from which any smoke, visible vapour, grit, sparks, ashes, cinders, or oily substance is emitted if the emission thereof causes or is likely to cause damage to any property or injury to any person who is actually at the time or who reasonably may be expected on the road, or is likely to cause danger to any such person as aforesaid.".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this twentieth day of January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Use and Construction Regulations of 1956 to correspond with alterations which have already been made in Great Britain. The principal changes are:—

(1) Large passenger vehicles and goods vehicles will from 1st October, 1958, require to be fitted with two rear view mirrors. (Regulation 2(3)).

(2) It is no longer necessary to mark on the side of a motor tractor or heavy motor car the maximum speed at which it may be driven. (Regulation 2(4)).

PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (Construction)

1958. No. 177 [C]

REGULATIONS DATED 21ST NOVEMBER, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER PART II OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926(a), and of all other powers enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1958.

(2) In these Regulations the expression "the Principal Regulations" means the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations, 1932(b).

2. The Principal Regulations shall have effect as though the following paragraph were substituted for paragraph 4 in Part I of the Schedule thereto as amended by the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947 (c):—

"4. Overall width. The overall width must not exceed eight feet."

Sealed with the official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 21st day of November, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight.

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill.*

(a) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. Ch. 31.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1932, No. 68.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 189.