STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 602

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations 1971

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 78(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 107(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on the tenth day following the day they are approved by Parliament.

(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.

2. The provisions of Schedule 5 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 (which specifies the limits of speed for vehicles of certain classes) shall be varied as follows:—

For sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 2 there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(1) generally, except for vehicles falling within the following sub-paragraph	40
(1A) vehicles having an unladen weight not exceeding 30 hundredweight, when not drawing a trailer	50".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

John Peyton,
Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

28th January 1971.

(a) 1967 c. 76. (b) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Schedule 5 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 prescribes speed limits, subject to conditions, for specified classes of vehicles. These Regulations vary the provisions of that Schedule by increasing from 40 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. the speed limit for goods vehicles having an unladen weight not exceeding 30 cwt. and when not drawing a trailer.