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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Weight) Regulations, 1961

Made - - - -	27*th June*, 1961
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Coming into Operation	1*st July*, 1961

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under subsection (11) of section 253 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 260 of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1961, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Weight) Regulations, 1961.

(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. For the purposes of section 102 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960 (which relates to the grant of provisional licences for the purpose of enabling an applicant for a driving licence to learn to drive a motor vehicle with a view to passing a driving test), as amended by section 2 of the Road Traffic (Driving of Motor Cycles) Act, 1960(c) (which provides that provisional licences granted on or after the first day of July, 1961, shall not authorise the driving of certain motor cycles), the maximum weight specified in subsection (4) of section 253 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960 (which defines the expression "motor cycle" for the purposes of that Act) shall, in the case of motor cycles having three wheels, be varied from eight hundredweight to two hundredweight.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twenty-seventh day of June, 1961.

(L.S.)

Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations vary, in relation to motor cycles having three wheels (for example, motor bicycles with a side-car attached and vehicles commonly known as "bubble cars"), the maximum weight which vehicles of that description must not exceed if they are to fall within the definition of motor cycle contained in section 253 (4) of the Road Traffic Act, 1960. This variation is made only for the purposes of the grant of provisional driving licences under section 102 of the 1960 Act as amended by section 2 of the Road Traffic (Driving of Motor Cycles) Act, 1960.

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 69.