"order" means any order made by the Minister of Health or the Minister of Housing and Local Government under section 77 of the Public Health Act, 1925, whether general in application or having only a limited or local application.

3. Subject to the provisions of article 4 of this order, the rate of interest recoverable by a local authority—

(*a*) under section 213 or section 257 of the Public Health Act, 1875(**a**) (which relate to private improvement rates and the recovery of expenses from an owner of premises);

(*b*) under section 13 or section 14 of the Private Street Works Act, 1892 (which relate to charges on premises in respect of the expenses of street works and the recovery of such expenses); or

(*c*) under any provision relating to the execution of street works in a local Act,

shall be five and a quarter per cent. per annum instead of any other rate fixed by any other order in force at the commencement of this order.

4. This order shall not apply to—

(*a*) any expenses which, or any part or instalment of which, became recoverable by a local authority before the commencement of this order; or

(*b*) any expenses in respect of which, or any part of which, a private improvement rate has been made before the commencement of this order.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.)

F. L. Edwards,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

1955 No. 1869

The Public Health (Rate of Interest) Order, 1955

Made - - - - 12*th December*, 1955
Coming into Operation 1*st January*, 1956

The Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under the proviso to subsection (3) of section 291 of the Public Health Act, 1936(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby orders as follows:—

1. This order may be cited as the Public Health (Rate of Interest) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1956.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), applies to the interpretation of this order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(**a**) 38 & 39 Vict. c. 55. (**b**) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 49. (**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. The maximum rate of interest for the purposes of section 291 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (which provides that certain expenses recoverable by a local authority shall be a charge on premises and may be ordered to be paid in instalments, bearing interest in either case) shall, as regards expenses in respect of which the local authority have not, at the commencement of this order, determined a rate of interest, be five and a quarter per cent. per annum instead of four per cent. per annum as fixed by the Public Health (Rate of Interest) Order, 1952(a).

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *F. L. Edwards,*
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES, TRAMCARS AND TROLLEY VEHICLES

1955 No. 472

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955

Made - - - -	*24th March,* 1955
Laid before Parliament	*30th March,* 1955
Coming into Operation	*1st April,* 1955

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 68 and 94 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of April, 1955, and may be cited as " The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955 ".

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941(d), as amended(e), shall have effect as though the following proviso were added to Regulation 14 thereof:—

" Provided that in the case of a vehicle registered on or after 1st January, 1955, this Regulation shall not apply to a brake operated by a hand lever without the intervention of any hydraulic, electric or pneumatic device if

(*a*) no universal joint is interposed between any such brake and the wheel or wheels so braked,

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(a) S.I. 1952/771 (1952 III, p. 2739). (b) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.R. & O 1941/514 (Rev. XX, p. 413: 1941 I, p. 1052).
(e) *See* S.R. & O. 1946/940, 1904, 2167 (Rev. XX, p. 413: 1946 I, pp. 1524–6); S.I 1950/667, 1240, 1954/1613 (1950 II, pp. 754, 756; 1954 II, p. 1849).