STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 676

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1966

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of her powers under section 64(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a), as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962(b), and of all other powers her enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st July 1966 and may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

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

2. The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations 1958(d) shall be amended as follows :—

(1) Regulation 5 shall be omitted ;

(2) at the end of Regulation 9 there shall be added the following proviso—

"Provided that it shall not be necessary to keep lighted any lamp on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle when a barrier is secured across the bottom of all staircases leading to the upper deck so as effectively to prevent passengers using the upper deck." ;

(3) for Regulation 12 there shall be substituted the following Regulation—

"*Carriage of Conductor*

12. Where a vehicle is being used as a stage carriage a conductor shall be carried thereon if the seating capacity thereof exceeds 20 passengers ;

Provided that no conductor need be carried by virtue of this Regulation :—

(*a*) in the case of a single-decked vehicle the seating capacity of which does not exceed 32 passengers if the entrance and emergency exit are at the front of the vehicle and are easily visible to the driver from his seat and means are provided for the driver to be aware if any person outside the vehicle has been trapped by the closure of any door provided at such entrance ; or

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1958/926 (1958 II, p. 2036).

(*b*) in the case of any other vehicle if the Commissioners have certified that in their opinion a conductor is not required on the particular service upon which, or in the particular circumstances in which, the vehicle is being used.".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 6th June 1966.

(L.S.) *Barbara Castle,*
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations amend the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations 1958 so as—

(1) to revoke Regulation 5 of the 1958 Regulations which specified the maximum fine for a contravention of those Regulations and which is now superseded by s. 64(2) and s. 239 of the Road Traffic Act 1960, as amended (Regulation 2(1));

(2) to provide that any lamp on the upper deck of a double-decked public service vehicle need not be lighted at night when the vehicle has the upper deck sealed off (Regulation 2(2));

(3) to alter the circumstances in which public service vehicles may be used as stage carriages without a conductor (Regulation 2(3)).