(*l*) seats on doors (Reg. 31 (1) (*b*));

(*m*) gangways (Reg. 32 (1) (*a*) (*d*));

(*n*) space in front of seats (Reg. 35 (1) (*b*)) and above seats (Reg. 36);

(*o*) driver's accommodation (Regs. 43, 44);

(*p*) wind-screens (Reg. 46);

(*q*) wireless apparatus (Reg. 48);

(*r*) luggage racks (Reg. 49); and

(*s*) lighting equipment (Reg. 50 (2)).

Of the foregoing changes the following relate only to vehicles first registered on or after 1st April, 1959, viz. (*b*), (*d*), (*g*), (*h*), (*i*), (*j*), (*m*), (*n*), (*o*), (*q*).

Certain exemptions are included for vehicles with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, namely in Regulations 8 (clearance), 11 (side overhang), 14 (steering), 17 (fuel tanks), 32 (width of gangways), 33 (height of gangways), 35, 36 (seats), 43, 44 (driver's accommodation), and 47 (communication with driver).

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The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations, 1958

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under sections 30, 94 and 111 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations :—

PRELIMINARY

Commencement and Citation

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1958, and may be cited as " The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations, 1958 ".

Revocation

2. The Regulations specified in the First Schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked without prejudice however to the validity of anything done thereunder or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :—

" the Act " means the Road Traffic Act, 1930 ;

" the Commissioners " means either the Traffic Commissioners for one of the Traffic Areas other than the Metropolitan Traffic Area or the Traffic Commissioner for the Metropolitan Traffic Area, as the case may be ;

" deck " means a floor or platform upon which seats are provided for the accommodation of passengers ;

" double-decked vehicle " means a vehicle having two decks one of which is wholly or partly above the other and each deck of which is provided with a gangway serving seats on that deck only ;

" gangway " means the space provided for obtaining access from any entrance to the passengers' seats or from any such seat to an exit other than an emergency exit but does not include a staircase or any space in front of a seat or a row of seats which is required only for the use of passengers occupying that seat or that row of seats ;

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

" half-decked vehicle " means any vehicle not being a single-decked vehicle or a double-decked vehicle ;

" single-decked vehicle " means a vehicle upon which no part of a deck or gangway is vertically above another deck or gangway ;

" vehicle " means a public service vehicle ;

" vehicle in the service of a visiting force " means a vehicle belonging to the service authorities of such a force and used for the purposes of such a force, and any other vehicle when used as aforesaid by a person subject to the orders of any member of such a force ;

" visiting force " means any such body, contingent or detachment of the forces of any country as is a visiting force for the purposes of the provisions of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952(a)—

(*a*) which apply to that country by virtue of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 1 of that Act, or

(*b*) which from time to time apply to that country by virtue of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of the said section 1 and of any Order in Council made or hereafter to be made under the said section 1 designating that country for the purposes of all the provisions of that Act following subsection (2) of the said section 1 ;

" member " and " service authorities ", in relation to a visiting force, have the same meanings respectively as they have in the Visiting Forces Act, 1952.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations the seating capacity of a vehicle shall be taken to be the seating capacity which the vehicle would have for the purposes of section 3 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b), if it were a hackney carriage other than a tramcar.

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

Application

4. These Regulations shall apply to all vehicles other than to vehicles in the public service of the Crown or in the service of a visiting force.

Penalty

5. If any person uses or causes or permits to be used on any road a vehicle in contravention of or fails to comply with any of these Regulations, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 30 OF THE ACT GOVERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Obstruction of Entrances, Exits and Gangways

6. Every entrance, exit and gangway shall be kept clear of obstruction while passengers are being carried:

Provided that for the purpose of this Regulation neither

(*a*) standing passengers, nor

(*b*) the drawing of a trailer used only for the carriage of plant and materials for producing gas for the propulsion of the drawing vehicle and so attached as not to interfere with the opening to its fullest extent of any door of the drawing vehicle

shall be deemed to form an obstruction.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 67. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Obstruction of Driver

7. No person shall be carried on the right hand side of the driver nor shall any article be so carried in such a position as to be liable to obstruct the driver.

Body Maintenance

8. Both the inside and the outside of the body and all windows and fittings and all seats for passengers shall be maintained in clean and good condition.

Lamps

9. The lamp or lamps provided in compliance with the requirements of Regulation 21 of the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1958(a) for the internal illumination of a vehicle and on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle not fitted with a permanent top to the upper deck shall be kept lighted at all times during the hours of darkness when passengers are being carried.

Maintenance of Steering Arms

10. The steering arms shall be kept free from rust.

Filling of Petrol Tank

11. The petrol tank shall not be filled nor shall any filler cap thereof be removed while the engine is running.

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 26 if no adult fare is less than 6d., and

(*b*) in the case of any single-decked 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.

REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 94 OF THE ACT GOVERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Carriage of Inflammable or Dangerous Substances

13.—(1) Except for the fuel and lubricant necessary for the propulsion of the vehicle, no highly inflammable or otherwise dangerous substance shall be carried on a vehicle unless in containers so designed and constructed, or unless so packed, that, even in the case of an accident to the vehicle, it is unlikely to cause damage or injury to the vehicle or passengers carried therein.

(2) The requirements of this Regulation shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the requirements of Regulations made by the Secretary of State under the powers conferred upon him by the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928(b) or under any other Act.

(a) S.I. 1958/473 (Pt. II, p. 2014, of this volume). (b) 18 & 19 Geo. 5. c. 32.

Markings on Public Service Vehicles

14. The person to whom a public service vehicle licence issued under the Act is granted and issued in respect of any vehicle shall not cause or permit such vehicle to be used as a public service vehicle unless the name and address of the authority, company, firm or individual to whom or to whose representative the licence was issued, are painted in a conspicuous position on the near side of the vehicle in letters easily legible and not less than one inch in height.

REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 94 OF THE ACT GOVERNING THE EQUIPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Fire Extinguishing Apparatus

15.—(1) In or upon every vehicle there shall be carried in such a position as to be readily available for use suitable and efficient apparatus for extinguishing fire.

(2) Such apparatus shall be of one or more of the following types namely:—

(*a*) a foam producing fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Foam Type (Chemical) and numbered B.S. 740: Part I: 1948;

(*b*) a foam producing fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Foam Type (Gas Pressure) and numbered B.S. 740: Part II: 1952;

(*c*) a soda acid chemical fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Water Type (Soda Acid) and numbered B.S. 138: 1948;

(*d*) a water fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Water Type (Gas Pressure) and numbered B.S. 1382: 1948;

(*e*) a carbon tetrachloride fire extinguisher with a nominal liquid capacity of 1 quart complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Carbon Tetrachloride Type and numbered B.S. 1721: 1951,

and every such apparatus shall be clearly marked with the appropriate British Standards Institution specification number and with the name and address of either the manufacturer or the vendor thereof.

(3) All such apparatus shall at all times be maintained in good working order.

(4) Where immediately before the date on which these Regulations come into operation there is being carried in or upon a vehicle a type of apparatus for extinguishing fire which complies with the requirements of the Regulations then in operation, then that apparatus may, during the ten years next succeeding that date and so long as it is maintained in good working order, be retained for use in or upon that vehicle in place of the corresponding type of apparatus which would otherwise be required to be carried under the foregoing provisions of this Regulation.

First Aid Equipment

16. In or upon every vehicle which is for the time being used as an express carriage or as a contract carriage there shall be carried:—

(*a*) in a readily accessible position a suitable receptacle properly marked so as to be easily distinguishable and containing the first aid dressings and appliances specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, and of the quality and standard therein prescribed, which shall at all times be maintained in good condition, and

(*b*) apparatus capable of raising any wheel fitted to the vehicle not less than 6 inches clear of the ground:

Provided that it shall be a good defence to proceedings taken in respect of a failure to carry the apparatus specified in paragraph (*b*) of this Regulation to prove that all reasonable steps had been taken before the commencement of the journey in question to ensure that means of lifting any wheel of the vehicle not less than 6 inches clear of the ground would, at all times while the vehicle was being so used, have been readily available in case of need.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this third day of June, 1958.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

FIRST SCHEDULE (See Regulation 2)

REGULATIONS REVOKED

The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations, 1941(a).

The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Provisional Regulations, 1942(b).

The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1943(c).

The Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950(d).

SECOND SCHEDULE (See Regulation 16)

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

2 oz. bottle Sal Volatile (with amount of dose, mode of administration and a warning "NOT TO BE ADMINISTERED IN CASE OF HAEMORRHAGE" printed on the label).

Antiseptic cream which embodies acriflavine or aminoacridine.

One constrictive bandage.

One large sterilised dressing suitable for burns and wounds (not less than 3 inches × 3 inches).

(a) S.R. & O. 1941/643 (Rev. XX, p. 426: 1941 I, p. 1066).
(b) *See* Rev. XX, p. 426.
(c) S.R. & O. 1943/1220 (Rev. XX, p. 426: 1943 I, p. 883).
(d) S.I. 1950/1241 (1950 II, p. 758).

Three medium sterilised wound dressings (gauze and wool or lint and wool not less than 2 inches × 2 inches).

Sterilised cotton wool (not less than 2 oz.).

Three roller bandages (3 inches × 6 yards).

Two triangular bandages.

One roll of surgical strapping (not less than 1 inch × 3 yards or ½ inch × 5 yards).

One pair rustless scissors.

One box large strong safety pins.

All materials for dressings and bandages including cotton wool shall be those designated in, and of a grade or quality not lower than the standards prescribed by, the current British Pharmaceutical Codex, and all instruments and appliances shall be of reliable quality and suitable design and construction.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations consolidate with amendment the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations, 1941, as subsequently amended.

The principal changes are :—

(1) The requirements as to the following matters have been varied, viz.—

maintenance of steering arms (Regulation 10),
carriage of inflammable or dangerous substances (Regulation 13),
fire extinguishing apparatus (Regulation 15), and
first aid equipment (Regulation 16).

(2) Provision is no longer made as to the provision and maintenance of speedometers, the maintenance of exhaust pipes, etc., or the drawing of trailers which matters are now covered by the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1955, S.I. 1955/482 (1955 II, p. 2242).

(3) Provision is no longer made regulating seating capacity and the number of passengers to be carried which matters are now covered by the Public Service Vehicles and Trolley Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) Regulations, 1954, S.I. 1954/1612 (1954 II, p. 1850) as amended by the Public Service Vehicles and Trolley Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) (Amendment) Regulations, 1958, S.I. 1958/472 (1958 II, p. 2044).