ROAD TRANSPORT LIGHTING

1954 No. 1104 (C. 9)

The Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953 (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1954

Made - - - - 19*th August,* 1954

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under section 2 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953(a) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act ") hereby makes the following Order:—

1. Subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this Order, the provisions of section 2 of the Act shall come into operation in respect of each description of vehicle specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order on the day specified in the second column of the said Schedule opposite that description of vehicle.

2. The provisions of section 2 of the Act are postponed or deferred in respect of—

(*a*) existing public service vehicles; and

(*b*) mechanically propelled vehicles or trailers brought temporarily into Great Britain by persons resident outside the United Kingdom.

3.—(1) In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

" new ", in relation to a vehicle, means that—

(*a*) in the case of a mechanically propelled vehicle not required to be registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b), the vehicle is supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the first day of October, 1954;

(*b*) in the case of any other mechanically propelled vehicle, the vehicle is first registered under the said Act on or after the said date; and

(*c*) in the case of any vehicle not mechanically propelled, the vehicle is supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the said date;

Provided that a vehicle belonging to the naval, military or air force authorities of a visiting force and first brought into Great Britain on or after the first day of October, 1954, shall be treated as a new vehicle whatever the date of its supply by its manufacturer to any person;

" existing ", in relation to a vehicle, means that the vehicle is other than a new vehicle;

" cycle " means a pedal bicycle or pedal tricycle, not being in either case propelled by mechanical power;

" public service vehicle " means a mechanically propelled vehicle (including a trolley vehicle) designed and constructed for use and used for carrying passengers whether for hire or reward or not other than a mechanically propelled vehicle adapted to carry less than eight passengers exclusive of the driver;

" agricultural implement " means an agricultural implement or an agricultural machine, being in either case a vehicle;

" trailer " means any vehicle drawn by another vehicle.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 21. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.

" 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.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

4. This Order may be cited as the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953 (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1954.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this nineteenth day of August, 1954.

(L.S.)

Denis O'Neill,
An Under Secretary of the
Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation.

SCHEDULE

Description of Vehicle	*Day*
New vehicles other than trailers or agricultural implements	1st October, 1954
New or existing trailers or agricultural implements drawn by new vehicles	1st October, 1954
Existing cycles, whether having a sidecar attached thereto or not	1st October, 1955
Existing bicycles propelled by mechanical power, of which the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 50 cubic centimetres, whether having a sidecar attached thereto or not	1st October, 1955
New or existing trailers or agricultural implements drawn by existing vehicles	1st October, 1956
All other existing vehicles	1st October, 1956

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Section 2 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953, provides for an increase in the number of rear red lights to be carried by vehicles at night and authorises the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation to prescribe the conditions to be complied with by lamps carried on vehicles and showing a red light to the rear.

This Order appoints various days set out in the Schedule as the dates on which section 2 is to come into operation in respect of different descriptions of vehicle and postpones the coming into operation in respect of existing public service vehicles as defined in the Order and in respect of vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain by persons resident outside the United Kingdom.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 67. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.