STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1961 No. 1849

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations, 1961

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under sections 1, 3, 5 and 10 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1957(**a**), Article 8 of the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1954(**b**), as amended by the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1956(**c**), and the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1961(**d**), and Article 6 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1957(**e**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of the said Act of 1957, as amended by section 264 of, and the Seventeenth Schedule to, the Road Traffic Act, 1960(**f**), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 19th day of October, 1961, and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations, 1961.

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

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations, 1959(**h**), shall have effect as though:—

(1) in Regulation 3 in paragraph (1), after the definition of "reversing light" there were inserted the following definition—

"'road clearance vehicle' means a mechanically propelled vehicle used for dealing with frost, ice or snow on roads;";

(2) in Regulation 8—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1), after the words "fire tender" there were inserted the words "or an aerodrome runway sweeper";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2)—

(i) for the words "Ministry of Supply" there were substituted the words "Ministry of Aviation"; and

(ii) after the words "combative purposes" there were inserted the words "or for engineering operations in combat areas";

(3) in Regulation 9 after sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1), there were inserted the following sub-paragraph—

"(*c*) a lamp carried on a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 34 of these Regulations or a lamp carried on a four-wheeled pedal cycle, not propelled by mechanical power.";

(**a**) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 51.
(**b**) S.I. 1954/635 (1954 II, p. 2465).
(**c**) S.I. 1956/2042 (1956 II, p. 2447).
(**d**) S.I. 1961/1512 (Pt. II, p. 3088).
(**e**) S.I. 1957/1074 (1957 II, p. 2154).
(**f**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(**g**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**h**) S.I. 1959/1869 (1959 II, p. 2381).

(4) in Regulation 12 after sub-paragraph (v) of paragraph (*a*), there were added the following sub-paragraph—

"(vi) on a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 34 of these Regulations;";

(5) in Regulation 14 in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (3), after the words "a cycle" there were inserted the words "or on a four-wheeled pedal cycle, not propelled by mechanical power";

(6) in Regulation 15—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1), after the words "a cycle" there were inserted the words "a four-wheeled pedal cycle, not propelled by mechanical power";

(*b*) after sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (3), there were added the following sub-paragraph—

"(*d*) every other vehicle not mechanically propelled and not a trailer, on and after the 19th October, 1962.";

(7) in Regulation 30 for paragraph (1), there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(1) The provisions of the Act in so far as they require compliance in the case of mechanically propelled vehicles or trailers with Parts II, III and V of these Regulations shall not apply in the case of mechanically propelled vehicles or trailers belonging to the naval, military or air force authorities of a visiting force, if such vehicles comply in every respect with the requirements as to lighting equipment and reflectors relating thereto contained in Part II of Annex 6 to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on the 19th September, 1949(a).";

(8) for Regulation 33 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain*

33.—(1) The requirements of section 1 of the Act in so far as they relate to the carrying of red reflectors and the provisions of the Act in so far as they require compliance with Parts II, III and IV of these Regulations shall not apply to any mechanically propelled vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom or any trailer brought as aforesaid and drawn by the mechanically propelled vehicle, if there is issued in respect of the mechanically propelled vehicle an International Certificate for Motor Vehicles under Article 4 of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris on the 24th April, 1926(b), and the mechanically propelled vehicle and trailer comply in every respect with the requirements as to lighting equipment relating thereto contained in paragraphs IV, V, VI and VII in Article 3 of the said Convention.

(2) The provisions of the Act in so far as they require compliance with Parts II, III, IV and V of these Regulations shall not apply to any mechanically propelled vehicle or trailer (not being one in respect of which the provisions contained in the last paragraph apply) brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom provided that it complies in every respect with the requirements as to lighting equipment and reflectors relating thereto contained in Part II of Annex 6 to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on the 19th September, 1949.";

(a) Cmd. 578 and also Treaty Series No. 49 (1958).
(b) Cmd. 3510 and also Treaty Series No. 11 (1930).

(9) after Regulation 33 there were added the following Regulations:—

" Distinctive lamps on certain vehicles

34.—(1) The provisions of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Act shall be varied so as to permit—

(*a*) ambulances or vehicles used for police, fire brigade or fire salvage purposes to carry one lamp displaying a blue light or, in the case of a vehicle mentioned in paragraph (8) below, more than one such lamp, and

(*b*) road clearance vehicles to carry one lamp displaying an amber light

subject to the lamps being used under the following conditions contained in this Regulation.

(2) Each lamp shall be so fixed to the vehicle that the centre of the lamp is at a height not less than 5 feet from the ground and that it is on or as near as practicable to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

(3) The shape and size of each lamp shall be such that the area of the orthogonal projection on to any vertical plane of that part of the lamp through which light is emitted shall be capable of lying wholly within a rectangle having sides 9 inches in length.

(4) Subject to paragraph (8) below, the light displayed by each lamp shall be visible from a point on any part of a circle drawn in a horizontal plane with the lamp at the centre.

(5) Subject to paragraph (8) below, when observed from any point on a circle drawn as aforesaid the display of light shall be visible not less than 60 nor more than 150 equal times per minute, and the intervals between each display of light towards that point shall be constant.

(6) The light displayed by each lamp shall be in the form of a concentrated beam or beams rotating in a substantially horizontal plane.

(7) In the case of a lamp displaying a blue light the power of the electric bulb or the total power of all the bulbs with which it is fitted shall not exceed 50 watts, and in the case of a lamp displaying an amber light the power of the electric bulb or the total power of all the bulbs with which it is fitted shall not exceed 36 watts.

(8) If, in the case of a vehicle used for fire brigade purposes, the construction or nature of the vehicle or of its equipment is such as to render compliance with paragraphs (4) and (5) of this Regulation impracticable in relation to the lamp displaying a blue light, an additional lamp or lamps displaying a blue light may be carried by the vehicle so long as—

(*a*) the total of the angles through which light is displayed from all such lamps, measured in a horizontal plane, is as near as practicable to 360 degrees ;

(*b*) the light displayed by all such lamps together is visible from a point on any part of a circle drawn in a horizontal plane and having as its centre a point on the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, and

(*c*) when observed from any point on a circle drawn as aforesaid the display of light from any one lamp is visible not less than 60 nor more than 150 equal times per minute, and the intervals between each display of light towards that point are constant.

Rearward facing amber surfaces on certain vehicles

35. The provisions of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Act shall be varied so as to permit road clearance vehicles to carry an amber reflecting surface facing to the rear of the vehicle." ;

(10) in the First Schedule after the entries relating to the description of vehicles numbered 1 in column 1, there were respectively inserted in columns 1 to 7 the entries set out in columns 1 to 7 in Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations ; and

(11) in the Second Schedule after the entries relating to the description of vehicles numbered 1 in column 1, there were respectively inserted in columns 1 to 7 the entries set out in columns 1 to 7 in Part II of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twenty-fifth day of September, 1961.

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Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE

PART I

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1A. Four-wheeled pedal cycles, not propelled by mechanical power	2	One lamp on each side of the longitudinal axis; no part of the illuminated area of one lamp to be less than 21 inches from any part of the illuminated area of the other lamp, and no part of the vehicle or its equipment to extend laterally on the same side as the lamp more than 16 inches from the nearest part of the illuminated area of the lamp	Not more than 20 inches from extreme rear of vehicle	3 feet 6 inches	15 inches	Height from ground of highest part of illuminated area of each lamp to be the same

PART II

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1A. Four-wheeled pedal cycles, not propelled by mechanical power	2	One reflector on each side of the longitudinal axis; no part of the reflecting area of one reflector to be less than 21 inches from any part of the reflecting area of the other reflector, and no part of the vehicle or its equipment to extend laterally on the same side as the reflector more than 16 inches from the nearest part of the reflecting area of the reflector	Not more than 20 inches from extreme rear of vehicle	3 feet 6 inches	15 inches	Height from ground of highest part of reflecting area of each reflector to be the same

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Regulations amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations, 1959, in certain minor respects and also introduce the following main changes:—

1. The requirements of Regulation 15 of the 1959 Regulations as to the marking of obligatory rear lamps carried on non-mechanically propelled vehicles supplied by their manufacturers after the 1st April, 1959, are extended, as from 19th October, 1962, to such vehicles (except trailers) which were so supplied before the first mentioned date (Regulation 2 (6) (*b*)).

2. The same requirements as to the character of obligatory rear lamps carried on pedal bicycles and tricycles as are laid down in Regulations 14 and 15 of the 1959 Regulations are applied to obligatory rear lamps carried on four-wheeled pedal cycles (" social cycles ") (Regulation 2 (5) and (6) (*a*)).

3. The positions in which obligatory rear lamps and obligatory red reflectors must be carried on four-wheeled pedal cycles are prescribed (Regulation 2 (10) and (11)).

4. Section 2 (1) (*b*) of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1957 (which prohibits the showing by vehicles to the rear of lights other than red) are varied so as to enable ambulances and vehicles used for police, fire brigade or fire salvage purposes to carry lamps displaying a blue light to the rear and road clearance vehicles to carry lamps displaying an amber light to the rear, subject to the lamps complying with the prescribed conditions. Road clearance vehicles are also permitted to display amber reflecting surfaces facing rearwards (Regulation 2 (9)).