STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1965 No. 870

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1965

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under sections 1, 3, 5, 10 and 11 of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957(**a**), section 16 of the Road Traffic Act 1962(**b**) 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 Schedule 17 to, the Road Traffic Act 1960(**c**), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st June 1965, and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1965.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) 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 1964(**e**) shall have effect as though—

(*a*) for sub-paragraph (*c*) of the proviso to Regulation 9(1) there were substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*c*) a lamp carried on a vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 45 or 45A of these Regulations or a lamp carried on a four-wheeled pedal cycle, not propelled by mechanical power.";

(*b*) for sub-paragraphs (iv) to (vi) of paragraph (*a*) of the proviso to Regulation 12 there were substituted the following sub-paragraphs:—

"(iv) on a break-down vehicle for the purpose of illuminating the scene of an accident or break-down;

(v) on a tower wagon when in use for the special purpose for which it is intended;

(vi) as direction indicators; or

(vii) on a vehicle in accordance with Regulation 45 of these Regulations.";

(*c*) after paragraph (2) of Regulation 36 there were added the following paragraph:—

"(3) Nothing in sub-paragraph (*a*) of the last preceding paragraph shall apply in the case of a front corner marker lamp or a side marker lamp carried on a trailer designed and constructed for the carriage of round timber, if the electricity illuminating that lamp is derived from a battery having a voltage of at least three volts.";

(**a**) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 51. (**b**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59. (**c**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**e**) S.I. 1964/205 (1964 I, p. 345).

(*d*) for Regulation 45 there were substituted the following Regulations:—

"*Distinctive lamps on certain vehicles*

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

(*a*) (i) motor vehicles used for fire brigade, ambulance, or police purposes,

(ii) motor vehicles owned by a body formed primarily for the purposes of fire salvage and used for those or similar purposes,

(iii) motor vehicles owned by the Forestry Commission or by local authorities and used from time to time for the purposes of fighting fires,

(iv) motor vehicles owned by the Secretary of State for Defence and used for the purposes of the disposal of bombs or explosives,

(v) motor vehicles used for the purposes of the Blood Transfusion Service under Part II of the National Health Service Act 1946(**a**) or under Part II of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(**b**),

(vi) motor vehicles used by Her Majesty's Coastguard or the Coast Life Saving Corps to aid persons in danger or vessels in distress on or near the coast, and

(vii) motor vehicles owned by the National Coal Board and used for the purposes of rescue operations at mines,

to carry one or more lamps showing a blue light, and

(*b*) (i) road clearance vehicles,

(ii) break-down vehicles,

(iii) vehicles used for the purposes of maintaining, improving, cleansing or watering roads,

(iv) vehicles used for the purposes of inspecting, cleansing, maintaining, adjusting, renewing or installing any apparatus which is in, on, under or over a road,

to carry one or more lamps showing an amber light.

(2) Each lamp carried in pursuance of this Regulation 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 such 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) Where only one lamp is carried in pursuance of this Regulation the light shown by it shall be visible from a point on any part of a circle drawn in a horizontal plane with the lamp at the centre, and where more than one lamp is so carried the light shown by all such lamps together shall be 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.

(**a**) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 81. (**b**) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 27.

(5) When observed from any point on a circle drawn as aforesaid the light shown by any one such lamp 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 shown by each lamp carried in pursuance of this Regulation shall be in the form of a concentrated beam or beams rotating in a substantially horizontal plane.

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

(8) No break-down vehicle shall carry a lamp showing an amber light in pursuance of this Regulation except while it is being used in connection with, and is in the immediate vicinity of, an accident or break-down, and no other vehicle shall carry a lamp showing an amber or blue light in pursuance of this Regulation except when the vehicle is being used for the relevant purposes specified in paragraph (1) of this Regulation and it is necessary or desirable to do so either to indicate to other road users the urgency of the purposes for which the vehicle is being used, or to warn other road users of the presence of the vehicle on the road.

(9) No vehicle, other than a vehicle specified in paragraph (1) (*a*) of this Regulation, shall carry a lamp similar to a lamp which, when it is showing a blue light, may be carried by a vehicle so specified by virtue of this Regulation.

Special lights on break-down vehicles

45A.—(1) The provisions of section 2(1)(*b*) of the Act shall be varied so as to permit break-down vehicles to carry one or more lamps showing a white light which comply with paragraph (2) of this Regulation for the purposes of illuminating the scene of an accident or break-down.

(2) Each lamp shall be so constructed, fitted and maintained that no part of its illuminated area is less than 5 feet from the ground.

(3) No person shall illuminate any lamp carried by a break-down vehicle by virtue of this Regulation except while the vehicle is in the immediate vicinity of an accident or break-down and there is illuminated a lamp or lamps showing an amber light carried on the vehicle in accordance with the last preceding Regulation.

(4) Any person using a lamp carried on a break-down vehicle by virtue of this Regulation shall ensure that it is so directed that no person who is driving a vehicle is dazzled by the light emitted therefrom.

(5) The light shown by a lamp carried on a break-down vehicle by virtue of this Regulation may be moved by swivelling, deflecting or otherwise while the vehicle is in motion in the immediate vicinity of the accident or breakdown.";

(*e*) in Schedules 1 and 2:—

(i) in the description of vehicles in column 1 of paragraph 7 after the words "special trailers" there were added the words "or engineering plant" and in column 7 of that paragraph there were deleted the words "engineering plant";

(ii) in the description of vehicles in column 1 of paragraph 9 after the words " agricultural implements " there were added the words " or engineering plant " and in column 7 of that paragraph there were deleted the words " engineering plant " ;

(iii) in the description of vehicles in column 1 of paragraph 10 for the words " special trailers or agricultural implements " there were substituted the words " special trailers, agricultural implements or engineering plant " and in column 7 of that paragraph there were deleted the words " engineering plant " ;

(iv) in the description of vehicles in column 1 of paragraph 11 before the words " Agricultural implements " there were inserted the words " Engineering plant or " and in column 7 of that paragraph there were deleted the words " In relation to an agricultural implement ".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 7th April 1965.

(L.S.)

Tom Fraser,
The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1964, making the following changes :—

(1) break-down vehicles are enabled to carry certain lamps showing a white light for the purposes of illuminating the scene of an accident or break-down, whether or not the vehicle is stationary, and the circumstances in which a lamp may be so used are laid down (Regulation 2(*a*), (*b*) and (*d*)) ;

(2) provision is made for front corner marker lamps and side marker lamps carried on trailers designed and constructed for the carriage of round timber to be supplied with electricity from batteries (Regulation 2(*c*)) ;

(3) the descriptions of vehicles permitted to carry certain lamps showing a blue or amber light to the rear have been extended (Regulation 2(*d*)) ;

(4) vehicles which may carry a lamp showing a blue or amber light may only do so in the circumstances and for the purposes which are prescribed (Regulation 2(*d*)) ;

(5) vehicles other than those specified in Regulation 45(1)(*a*) of the 1964 Regulations as amended are prohibited from carrying a lamp similar to the lamp showing a blue light which the specified vehicles are permitted to carry (Regulation 2(*d*)) ;

(6) Schedules 1 and 2 of the 1964 Regulations are amended so that in the case of engineering plant showing an additional red light carried at the rear of the vehicle the obligatory red lights and reflectors may be not more than 9 feet from the rear of the vehicle (Regulation 2(*e*)).