STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 30

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1966

Made - - - -	13*th January* 1966
Laid before Parliament	25*th January* 1966
Coming into Operation	9*th February* 1966

The Minister of Transport in exercise of her powers under sections 5 and 10 of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957(a), section 16 of 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 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 9th February 1966, and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

(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), as amended (f), shall have effect as though—

(*a*) in Regulation 3(1), after the respective definitions of " motor vehicle " and " side marker lamp", there were added the following definitions respectively:—
" " moveable platform " means a platform which is attached to, and may be moved by means of, an extensible boom ; ", and
" " special equipment ", in relation to a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform, means the moveable platform, the apparatus for moving the platform and any jacks fitted to the vehicle for stabilising it while the moveable platform is in use ; ";

(*b*) in Regulation 22, in paragraph (3), for the words from the beginning of that paragraph to " and shall " there were substituted the words " The reflectors to which this Regulation applies are obligatory reflectors " ;

(*c*) in Regulation 23(1)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a), the words " comply with the condition contained in sub-paragraph (a) of Regulation 21(1) of these Regulations, and shall " were omitted, and

(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).
(f) There is no relevant amending instrument.

(ii) in sub-paragraph (c) (ii), for the figure and word "6 inches" there were substituted the figure and word "10 inches"; and

(*d*) after Regulation 23 there were added the following Regulation:—

"*Reflectors marked with approval marks*

23A. Nothing in Regulation 21(1) (a), (b) or (c) or in Regulation 22 of these Regulations shall apply to an obligatory reflector marked with an approval mark incorporating the roman numeral I or II and carried on a vehicle not being a trailer or to an obligatory reflector marked with an approval mark incorporating the roman numeral III and carried on a trailer.

For the purposes of this Regulation the expression "approval mark" means a marking designated as an approval mark by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (No. 2) Regulations 1964(a).";

(*e*) for Regulation 24 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Variations under section 8 of the Act*

24.—(1) Section 8(1) of the Act shall apply to a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform, being a vehicle used for the purpose of facilitating overhead working, as if none of the special equipment were a load.

(2) Section 8(2) of the Act shall have effect with the substitution, for references to three and a half feet, of references to six feet in relation to—

(*a*) a vehicle carrying a fire escape; and

(*b*) a mechanically propelled vehicle, being a land tractor or an agricultural tractor, on which is mounted an agricultural implement whether a vehicle or not.";

(*f*) for Regulation 25(4) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(4) This Regulation shall not apply to any vehicle carrying loose agricultural produce not baled or crated, and shall apply to a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform, being a vehicle used for the purpose of facilitating overhead working, as if none of the special equipment were a load.";

(*g*) after Regulation 46 there were added the following Regulation:—

"*Vehicles fitted with moveable platforms*

47.—(1) Where a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform, being a vehicle used for the purpose of facilitating overhead working, is being used on a road during the hours of darkness and jacks with which the vehicle is fitted for the purpose of stabilising it while the moveable platform is in use project from the sides of the vehicle, the vehicle shall carry on or near each such jack a lamp to indicate the position of the jack showing a white light to the front and a red light to the rear, each light being visible from a reasonable distance.

(2) Each lamp carried on or near a jack in pursuance of this Regulation shall be fitted—

(*a*) with an electric bulb not exceeding 7 watts and frosted glass or other material which has the effect of diffusing the light,

(a) S.I. 1964/1561 (1964 III, p. 3509).

(*b*) so that no part of the jack projects more than 12 inches beyond a vertical line through the centre of the lamp, and

(*c*) so that it is not more than 2 feet in front of or behind the jack and the centre of the lamp is at a height of not more than 3 feet 6 inches and not less than 1 foot 3 inches from the ground.";

(*h*) in Schedule 1, in the case of a vehicle of a description specified in item 7 or item 9 of column 1, there were added, in the provisions specified in relation to that description of vehicle in column 7, the following sub-paragraph:—

"3A. In relation to a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform, in determining the position of the rear lamps no account shall be taken of the special equipment of the vehicle";

(*i*) in Schedule 2, in the case of a vehicle of a description specified in item 7 or item 9 of column 1, there were added, in the provisions specified in relation to that description of vehicle in column 7, the following sub-paragraph:—

"2A. In relation to a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform, in determining the position of the obligatory reflectors no account shall be taken of the special equipment of the vehicle".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 13th January 1966.

(L.S.)

Barbara Castle,

The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1964:—

The principal changes are as follows:—

1. Special provisions are made with respect to vehicles which are fitted with platforms which may be moved by extensible booms for the purpose of facilitating overhead working. These provisions are as follows:—

(1) the special equipment of the vehicles is to be disregarded for purposes of the application of section 8(1) of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957 (which requires lamps showing a white light to the front to be carried in certain cases where a vehicle has a load overhanging laterally in addition to or in substitution for the obligatory front lamps) (Reg. 2(*e*));

(2) the special equipment of the vehicles is to be disregarded for the purposes of the application of Regulation 25 of the said Regulations (which requires lamps showing a red light to the rear to be carried in certain cases where a vehicle has a load overhanging laterally in addition to the obligatory rear lamps) (Reg. 2(*f*));

(3) where a vehicle fitted with stabilising jacks is being used on a road during the hours of darkness and the jacks have been extended, the position of the jacks is to be marked by lamps, showing a white light to the front and a red light to the rear, of the type and in the position prescribed (Reg. 2(*g*));

(4) the special equipment of the vehicles is to be disregarded for the purposes of ascertaining the position of the obligatory rear lamps and reflectors in accordance with Regulations 13 and 20 of, and Schedules 1 and 2 to, the said Regulations (Reg. 2(*h*) and (*i*)); and

2. Vehicles are permitted to carry obligatory red reflectors marked with an approval mark designated by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (No. 2) Regulations 1964.