STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1979 No. 803

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1979

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 40(1) and (2A), 73(5) and 78(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** and now vested in him**(b)**, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 9th August 1979 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1979.

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1971**(c)** shall be further amended so as to have effect in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. After Regulation 61 there shall be inserted the following new Regulation:—

"*Reflectors fitted to the wheels of certain vehicles*

61A. The provisions of Section 71(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 shall not apply to reflectors (whatever may be the colour of the light reflected thereby) which are attached to or incorporated in or form part of any wheel, or any tyre attached to any wheel, of a vehicle being—

(*a*) a pedal cycle having four or more wheels, not being mechanically propelled;

(*b*) a cycle (being a vehicle within the meaning given to that expression in Regulation 3(1));

(*c*) a bicycle propelled by mechanical power;

(*d*) a side-car attached to a vehicle referred to in sub-paragraph (*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) above; or

(*e*) an invalid carriage

so as to reflect light to one or both sides of the vehicle.".

(a) 1972 c. 20; section 40(1) was amended, and section 40(2A) was added, by the Road Traffic Act 1974 (c. 50), section 9(1) and (2), which came into operation on 1st January 1975 by virtue of the Road Traffic Act 1974 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1974, No. 2075 (C. 34).

(b) S.I. 1979/571.

(c) S.I. 1971/694 has been amended by S.I. 1973/1006, 1975/239, 1977/1560 and 1978/1261.

4. In Schedule 6, in Part III, in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 4, for the words "at items 7" there shall be substituted the words "at item 21".

Norman Fowler,
Minister of Transport.

10th July 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. Section 71(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 provides that unless otherwise provided by regulation no light shown by a vehicle, other than amber coloured reflectors which are attached to or incorporated in or form part of the pedals of a bicycle or tricycle, or a dipping headlight, shall be moved by swivelling, deflecting or otherwise while the vehicle is in motion.

2. These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1971 by providing that section 71(1) of the 1972 Act shall not apply to reflectors (whatever may be the colour of the light reflected thereby) which are attached to or incorporated in or form part of any wheel, or of any tyre attached to any wheel, of a pedal cycle having four or more wheels, a pedal tricycle, a pedal bicycle, a bicycle propelled by mechanical power, a side-car attached to any such vehicle, or an invalid carriage.

3. These Regulations also correct a minor error.

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