STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1963 No. 1076

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Long Vehicles and Trailers) (Amendment) Regulations 1963

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under section 11 of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957(a) and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 13(3) of the said Act, as amended by section 264 of, and Schedule 17 to, the Road Traffic Act 1960(b), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 24th July 1963 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Long Vehicles and Trailers) (Amendment) Regulations 1963.

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

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting (Long Vehicles and Trailers) Regulations 1962(d) shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 7 at the end of the definition of " supported load " there were added the words " but does not include a load carried by an articulated vehicle as defined in Regulation 3(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1955(e) " ;

(2) for Regulation 10 there were substituted the following Regulation—

" 10.—(1) The two front corner marker lamps mentioned in the last preceding Regulation shall be carried one on each side of the longitudinal axis of the trailer and attached to the trailer in such a position that—

(*a*) no part of the illuminated area of either lamp is more than five feet behind the foremost part of the trailer ;

(*b*) subject to the provisions of the next paragraph, no part of the trailer on the same side thereof as that on which such a lamp is carried projects outwards more than twelve inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of the illuminated area of the lamp ; and

(*c*) no part of the trailer obscures the light required to be shown by such a lamp in accordance with paragraph (1) of Regulation 2 of these Regulations.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 51. (b) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1962/1583 (1962 II, p. 1783). (e) S.I. 1955/482 (1955 II, p. 2242).

(2) Where a front corner marker lamp is attached to a trailer so that—

(*a*) its illuminated area is more than three feet but not more than five feet behind the foremost part of the trailer and no part of that area is more than five feet from the ground; and

(*b*) no part of the trailer on the same side thereof as that on which the lamp is carried, being a part which is below a height of five feet from the ground and to the front of the illuminated area of the lamp, projects outwards more than twelve inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of that illuminated area,

then the position of that lamp may be such that any other part of the trailer on that side may project outwards by not more than twenty inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of the said illuminated area.

(3) For the purposes of this Regulation, in ascertaining the foremost part of a trailer there shall be disregarded its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof and so much of the part (if any) of the trailer as is more than five feet from the ground.".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 7th June 1963.

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Secretary to the Ministry 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 (Long Vehicles and Trailers) Regulations 1962 by making the following changes:—

(1) The definition of the expression "supported load" in Regulation 7 of the 1962 Regulations is amended to provide for the exclusion of a load carried by an articulated vehicle as defined in Regulation 3(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1955.

(2) The provisions of Regulation 10 of the 1962 Regulations are replaced by new provisions concerning the positions in which front corner marker lamps shall be attached to a trailer which has to carry such lamps. The new provisions enable such lamps to be fitted within five feet of the foremost part of the trailer (see (3) below) and within twelve inches of its outermost edge, except that in certain circumstances the latter distance may be up to twenty inches.

(3) For the purpose of ascertaining the foremost part of a trailer certain parts thereof are to be disregarded.