STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Long Vehicles and Trailers) Regulations 1962

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The Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") 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 subsection (3) of section 13 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:—

Commencement and Citation

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) Regulations 1962.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"Act of 1957" means the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957;

"front corner marker lamp", in relation to a trailer, means a lamp showing a white light to the side and front of the trailer through an arc extending ninety degrees forward from a line at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the trailer and complying with the provisions of Regulations 12 and 13 of these Regulations;

"dual-purpose vehicle" has the same meaning as in paragraph 14 of Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Act 1960;

"motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 253 of the Road Traffic Act 1960;

"passenger vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver;

"side marker lamp", in relation to a vehicle, means a lamp showing a white light to the side of the vehicle through an arc extending a minimum of seventy degrees forward from a line at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and a red light to the side through an arc extending a minimum of seventy degrees rearward from that line and complying with the provisions of Regulations 12 and 13 of these Regulations;

"trailer" means a vehicle constructed or adapted so as to be drawn by another vehicle.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 51. (b) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.

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

Vehicles to which Regulations do not apply

3. These Regulations shall not apply to—

(*a*) any vehicle 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(b), or

(*b*) any combination of two or more vehicles one of which is drawing the other or others, if the combination includes a vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom which complies in every respect with the said requirements relating thereto contained in Part II of the said Annex.

Carriage and position of side marker lamps on certain vehicles

4. Subject to the provisions of Regulation 6 of these Regulations, where the length of a vehicle, or the overall length of two or more vehicles, one of which is drawing the other or others, inclusive of any load on the vehicle or vehicles, exceeds sixty feet, the vehicle or vehicles shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry side marker lamps in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation.

5. At each side of the vehicle or vehicles and attached to the vehicle or vehicles or the load, if any, carried thereby there shall be carried the following side marker lamps, that is to say,—

(*a*) one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is more than thirty feet from the foremost part of the vehicle or vehicles (in either case inclusive of the load, if any, carried);

(*b*) one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is more than ten feet from the rearmost part of the vehicle or vehicles (in either case inclusive of the load, if any, carried); and

(*c*) such other lamps between the lamps mentioned in paragraph (*a*) and paragraph (*b*) of this Regulation in such positions as will ensure that the distance between the nearest part of the illuminated area of any one side marker lamp and the nearest part of the illuminated area of the side marker lamp next thereto is not more than ten feet.

Exceptions to Regulation 4

6. The provisions of Regulation 4 of these Regulations shall not apply—

(*a*) to a combination of vehicles where any vehicle in that combination being drawn has broken down; or

(*b*) to a vehicle (not being one of a combination of vehicles)—

(i) having a special appliance or apparatus of a kind specified in paragraph (5) of Regulation 102A of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1955(c), as amended(d); or

(ii) carrying a load of a kind specified in paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of the said Regulation 102A,

if the conditions specified in paragraph 3 (which provides for the special marking of projections from vehicles) of Schedule 7 to the said Regulations

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(b) Cmd. 7997 and also Treaty Series No. 49 (1958).

(c) S.I. 1955/482 (1955 II, p. 2242).

(d) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1962/1584 (1962 II, p. 1788).

are complied with in relation to the special appliance or apparatus or load as if the said conditions had been expressed in the said Regulation 102A to apply in the case of every special appliance or apparatus or load of a kind specified in the said paragraph (5), (6), (7) or (8).

Carriage and position of side marker lamps on certain other vehicles

7. When a combination of two or more vehicles, being a motor vehicle and a trailer or trailers, carries a supported load and the overall length of the vehicles, inclusive of that load, exceeds forty feet but does not exceed sixty feet the vehicles shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry side marker lamps in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation.

In this and the next succeeding Regulation the expression "supported load" means a load supported by any two of the vehicles forming part of such a combination.

8. At each side of the vehicles and attached to the vehicles or the supported load there shall be carried the following side marker lamps, that is to say—

(*a*) one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is forward of, or more than five feet to the rear of, the rearmost part of the motor vehicle; and

(*b*) if the supported load extends rearwards more than thirty feet beyond the rearmost part of the motor vehicle, one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is forward of, or more than five feet to the rear of, the centre point of the overall length of that load.

Carriage and position of front corner and side marker lamps on trailers

9.—(1) Every trailer not forming part of a combination of vehicles to which the provisions of Regulation 4 or 7 apply shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry—

(*a*) subject to the provisions of Regulation 11 of these Regulations, two front corner marker lamps in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation; and

(*b*) if the trailer has an overall length of more than thirty feet, on each side of the trailer a side marker lamp in such a position that no part of the illuminated area is forward of, or more than five feet to the rear of, the centre point of the overall length of the trailer.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation, in reckoning the overall length of a trailer its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof shall be disregarded.

10. The two front corner marker lamps mentioned in the last preceding Regulation shall be carried one on each side of the trailer and attached to the trailer in such positions that no part of the illuminated area of either lamp is more than five feet behind the foremost part of the trailer excluding its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof:

Provided that the said lamps may instead of being attached on each side of the trailer be attached to the front thereof one on each side of its longitudinal axis, if—

(*a*) no part of the trailer projects outwards more than twelve inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of the illuminated area of the lamp; and

(*b*) no part of the trailer extending forward of such lamps projects outwards beyond any part of the illuminated area of either of the lamps.

Exceptions to Regulation 9

11.—(1) The provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 9 of these Regulations shall not apply to—

(*a*) a trailer the overall length of which, excluding its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof, does not exceed seven feet six inches;

(*b*) a trailer being drawn by a passenger vehicle or a dual-purpose vehicle, if the overall length of such a combination, inclusive of any load on the vehicles, does not exceed forty feet;

(*c*) a trailer carrying lamps showing a white light to the front by virtue of proviso (i) to subsection (1) of section 9 of the Act of 1957; or

(*d*) a broken down vehicle which is being drawn by another vehicle.

(2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragrapn (1) of Regulation 9 or in Regulation 10 of these Regulations shall require a trailer to carry a front corner marker lamp on a side of the trailer, if on the same side thereof a lamp showing a white light to the front is being carried by virtue of proviso (ii) to subsection (1) of section 9 of the Act of 1957.

Character of front corner and side marker lamps

12.—(1) Every front corner marker lamp and every side marker lamp shall be—

(*a*) kept properly lighted and in a clean and efficient condition;

(*b*) visible from a reasonable distance to a person facing the lamp and in a position being on a line passing through the lamp and at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle by which it is being carried; and

(*c*) carried so that the highest part of the illuminated area of any such lamp is not more than five feet from the ground:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle carrying an abnormal indivisible load or a combination of vehicles carrying such a load under an Order made by the Minister under subsection (4) of section 64 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 any such lamp may be carried so that the highest part of its illuminated area is not more than seven feet six inches from the ground.

(2) Every front corner marker lamp and every side marker lamp which is illuminated by electricity shall be—

(*a*) connected to an electrical supply forming an integral part of the electrical system of the motor vehicle or trailer;

(*b*) fitted with a bulb or bulbs the power or total power of which shall not exceed seven watts and on which the wattage shall be indelibly marked upon the glass or metal cap thereof;

(*c*) fitted with frosted glass or other material which has the effect of diffusing light.

13.—(1) Every front corner marker lamp shall, if circular, have an illuminated area of not less than one inch in diameter or, if not circular, have an illuminated area of not less than the area of a circle of one inch in diameter.

(2) Every side marker lamp shall, if circular, have an illuminated area through which a white light is displayed and an illuminated area through which a red light is displayed in each case of not less than one inch in diameter or, if not circular, have an illuminated area through which a

white light is displayed and an illuminated area through which a red light is displayed in each case of not less than the area of a circle of one inch in diameter.

In this Regulation the expression "illuminated area" means, in relation to a lamp, the area of the orthogonal projection on a vertical plane at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle of that part of the lamp through which the light is emitted.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 24th July 1962.

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The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations require as from the 24th July 1963 the carriage at night by certain long vehicles or combinations of vehicles and by trailers of additional lamps which are to show a light to the side. These additional lamps are referred to in the Regulations as "front corner marker lamps" and "side marker lamps" and these terms are defined in Regulation 2. The principal provisions are:—

1. Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, which, inclusive of load, exceed sixty feet in length must, subject to the exceptions in Regulation 6, carry side marker lamps in specified positions (Regulations 4, 5).
2. Combinations of a towing vehicle and a trailer or trailers carrying a supported load which, inclusive of load, exceed forty feet but do not exceed sixty feet in length must carry side marker lamps in specified positions (Regulations 7, 8).
3. Trailers (not forming part of a combination of vehicles on which side marker lamps are required to be carried) must, subject to the exceptions in Regulation 11, carry front corner marker lamps. If they exceed thirty feet in length, side marker lamps must also be carried (Regulation 9).
4. Front corner and side marker lamps must comply with the conditions laid down in Regulations 12 and 13.