ROAD TRANSPORT LIGHTING

1953 No. 1546

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Reversing Lights) Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	*22nd October*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	*27th October*, 1953
Coming into Operation	*1st November*, 1953

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under section 3 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927(a), as extended by subsection (2) of section 4 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1953, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles Lighting (Reversing Lights) Regulations, 1953."

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

"reversing light" means a lamp which is carried by a vehicle and shows a white light to the rear for the purpose of reversing, and

"registered" means—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle which was registered at any time under the Roads Act, 1920(c), the date on which it was first so registered, and

(*b*) in the case of any other vehicle the date on which it was first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(d).

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

3. No vehicle shall carry more than two reversing lights.

4. Every reversing light shall comply with the following conditions—

(1) it shall be illuminated by electricity;

(2) it shall be so constructed that it cannot be switched on otherwise than either—

(*a*) automatically by the selection of the reverse gear of the vehicle; or

(*b*) by the operation of a switch by the driver of the vehicle, being a switch which, except in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st July, 1954, serves no other purpose;

(3) the power of the electric bulb or the total power of all such bulbs with which it is fitted shall not exceed 24 watts; and

(4) it shall be so constructed, fitted and maintained that the light emitted thereby is at all times incapable of dazzling any person who is standing on the same horizontal plane as the vehicle at a greater distance than 25 feet from the light and whose eye-level is not less than 3 feet 6 inches above that plane.

(a) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 37.
(b) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 21.
(c) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72.
(d) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.
(e) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

5. Except in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st July, 1954, where a reversing light is so constructed and fitted that it can be switched on by the operation of a switch by the driver of the vehicle, the vehicle shall be equipped with a device so fitted as to be readily visible to the driver at all times when in his seat and so designed as to indicate when the reversing light is showing a white light to the rear.

6. No reversing light on a vehicle shall show a white light to the rear except in so far as is necessary for the purpose of reversing the vehicle.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this twenty-second day of October, 1953.

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations prescribe the conditions to be complied with by white reversing lights on vehicles.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

1953 No. 1444

The Traffic Signs (School Crossing Patrols) Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	*25th September,* 1953
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Coming into Operation	*30th September,* 1953

The Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 2 of the School Crossing Patrols Act, 1953(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 30th day of September, 1953, and may be cited as "The Traffic Signs (School Crossing Patrols) Regulations, 1953".

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

2. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations and except where the Minister authorises the use of signs of another description every sign which is exhibited by a school crossing patrol for the purpose of stopping any vehicle or vehicles in accordance with the said section 2 shall be either of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 1 in the Schedule to these Regulations, or, until the 30th day of September, 1955, of the size, colour and type shown in either diagram 2 or diagram 3 in the said Schedule.

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 45. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.