1954 No. 1281

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Special Exemption and Amendment) Regulations, 1954

Made - - - -	*24th September*, 1954
Laid before Parliament	*30th September*, 1954
Coming into Operation	*1st October*, 1954

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under subsection (3) of section 1 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), as extended by Article 8 of the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1954(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 October, 1954, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles Lighting (Special Exemption and Amendment) Regulations, 1954".

2. The Regulations specified in the Third Schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything done thereunder or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the coming into operation of these Regulations.

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

"the Acts" means the Road Transport Lighting Acts, 1927 to 1953;

"appropriate authority", in relation to home forces' vehicles or to vehicles in the service of a visiting force, means any such person as is designated opposite such description of vehicles in the second column of the First Schedule to these Regulations;

"authorising officer", in relation to home forces' vehicles or to vehicles in the service of a visiting force, means any such person as is designated opposite such description of vehicles in the second column of the Second Schedule to these Regulations;

"Chief Officer of Police" and "police area" have the meanings respectively assigned to them by the Police Pensions Act, 1921(c);

"home forces" means the naval, military or air forces of Her Majesty raised in the United Kingdom;

"home forces' vehicles" means vehicles owned by or in the service of the home forces and used for naval, military or air force purposes;

"new" and "existing", in relation to a vehicle, have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953 (Commencement No. 1) Order, 1954(d);

(a) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 37. (b) S.I. 1954/635, p. 2465 below. (c) 11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 31.
(d) S.I. 1954/1104, p. 1963 above.

" the Regulations of 1954 " means the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations, 1954(a).

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to any provision of the Act shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended, extended or applied by or under any other enactment.

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

4. The visiting forces to which Regulations 5 and 6 of these Regulations apply are those visiting forces specified in column 1 of the First Schedule to these Regulations and, subject as aforesaid, in those Regulations the expression " vehicle in the service of a visiting force " has the same meaning as it has in the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order, 1954.

5. In the case of home forces' vehicles and vehicles in the service of a visiting force the following exemptions from and variations of the requirements of the Acts shall apply:—

(*a*) every such vehicle shall be exempted from all the requirements of the Acts whilst being used in connection with training which is certified in writing for the purposes of this Regulation by the appropriate authority to be training on a special occasion provided that not less than 48 hours' notice of such training is given by that authority to the Chief Officer of Police of every police area in which the place selected for the purposes of the training is wholly or partly situate;

(*b*) every such vehicle shall be exempted from all the requirements of the Acts whilst being used on manoeuvres within such limits and during such period as may from time to time be specified by Order in Council under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911;

(*c*) where not less than six nor more than twelve such vehicles are proceeding together in convoy on tactical or driving exercises and the interval between any two vehicles in such convoy does not exceed twenty yards—

(i) paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 1 of the Act shall have effect in relation to every vehicle in the convoy other than the leading vehicle as though the words " visible from a reasonable distance " were omitted therefrom; and

(ii) except in the case of the rearmost vehicle every vehicle in the convoy shall be exempted from the requirements of paragraph (*b*) of the said subsection (1) provided that the vehicle carries a white light under the vehicle illuminating either a part of the vehicle or anything attached to the vehicle or the road surface beneath the vehicle, in such manner that the presence of the vehicle can be detected from the rear;

In this sub-paragraph the expression " tactical or driving exercises " means tactical or driving exercises which are authorised in writing by the authorising officer and of which not less than 48 hours' previous notice in writing has been given to the Chief Officer of Police of every police area through which it is intended that the convoy shall pass; and

(a) S.I. 1954/1105, p. 1965 above. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*d*) in relation to every such vehicle section 4 of the Act shall have effect as though the words " or a searchlight " were inserted immediately after the words " a dipping headlight ".

6.—(1) The provisions of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 1 and of subsection (2) of section 7 of the Act and of subsection (1) of section 1 of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1953(**a**), shall not apply in relation to any home forces' vehicle or any vehicle in the service of a visiting force, which in either case is constructed or adapted for actual combative purposes and the construction or nature of which is such as to render impracticable compliance with those provisions, if in the case of:—

(*a*) an existing vehicle it carries one lamp showing to the rear a red light and two red reflectors, being a lamp and reflectors which satisfy the relevant requirements, or

(*b*) a new vehicle it carries two lamps showing to the rear a red light and two red reflectors, being lamps and reflectors which satisfy the relevant requirements.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (*a*) of the preceding paragraph of this Regulation the relevant requirements in the case of the lamp showing to the rear a red light shall be that it is so fixed to the vehicle that—

(*a*) it is on the centre line or the off side of the vehicle ;

(*b*) the highest part of the illuminated area of the lamp is not more than 5 feet from the ground ; and

(*c*) no part of the vehicle, its equipment or its load (if any) projects at any time to the rear more than 3 feet 6 inches measured horizontally beyond such lamp, unless an additional lamp showing to the rear a red light is carried not more than 20 inches from the rearmost point of the vehicle (including its load, if any).

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation the relevant requirements in the case of the two lamps each showing to the rear a red light shall be that each lamp complies with the relevant provisions of Regulation 18 of the Regulations of 1954 as to obligatory rear lamps and that they are so fixed to the vehicle that—

(*a*) one lamp is on each side of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle ;

(*b*) no part of the vehicle or its equipment on the same side of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle as a lamp extends laterally on that side beyond the nearest part of the illuminated area of that lamp for a distance of—

(i) more than 16 inches, or

(ii) more than such greater distance as may be necessary, having regard to the construction or nature of the vehicle, to enable the lamp to be fixed to the vehicle ;

(*c*) the highest part of the illuminated area of each lamp is not more than 5 feet from the ground and at the same height from the ground ; and

(*d*) no part of the vehicle, its equipment or its load (if any) projects at any time to the rear more than 3 feet 6 inches measured horizontally beyond such lamps or the rearmost of such lamps, unless an additional

(a) 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 21.

lamp showing to the rear a red light is carried not more than 20 inches from the rearmost point of the vehicle (including its load, if any).

(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, the relevant requirements in the case of the reflectors shall be that each reflector complies with the relevant provisions of Regulation 24 of the Regulations of 1954 as to obligatory reflectors and that they are so fixed to the vehicle that—

(*a*) one reflector is on each side of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle ;

(*b*) no part of the vehicle or its equipment on the same side of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle as a reflector extends laterally on that side beyond the nearest part of the reflecting area of that reflector for a distance of—

(i) more than 16 inches, or

(ii) more than such greater distance as may be necessary, having regard to the construction or nature of the vehicle, to enable the reflector to be fixed to the vehicle ; and

(*c*) the highest part of the reflecting area of each reflector is not more than 5 feet from the ground and at the same height from the ground.

7.—(1) The provisions of the Acts in so far as they require compliance in the case of mechanically propelled vehicles or trailers with Part II, III, IV, and VI inclusive of the Regulations of 1954 shall not apply in the case of mechanically propelled vehicles or trailers belonging to the naval, military or air force authorities of a visiting force, if such vehicles comply in every respect with the requirements of paragraphs (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) of Part V of Annex 6 to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on the 19th September, 1949(**a**).

(2) Except as provided in the preceding paragraph of this Regulation, the Regulations of 1954 shall apply to vehicles in the service of a visiting force:

Provided that for the purpose of such application the expressions "new" and "existing" in relation to a vehicle shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in these Regulations.

(3) In this Regulation the expression "visiting force" means any such body, contingent or detachment of the forces of any country as is a visiting force for the purposes of the provisions of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952(**b**),—

(*a*) which apply to that country by virtue of paragraph (*a*) of subsection (1) of section 1 of that Act, or

(*b*) which from time to time apply to that country by virtue of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of the said section 1 and of any Order in Council made or hereafter to be made under the said section 1 designating that country for the purposes of all the provisions of that Act following sub-section (2) of the said section 1.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this twenty-fourth day of September, 1954.

(L.S.) *John Boyd-Carpenter,*
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

(a) Cmd. 7997. (b) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 67.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(See Regulation 3)

DESIGNATION OF APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY

1.	2.
1. Home forces' vehicles	One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, or an officer of the home forces being— (i) in the case of vehicles used for naval purposes a Naval Commander-in-Chief or a Flag Officer in Command, or (ii) in the case of vehicles used for military purposes a General Officer Commanding in Chief, the General Officer Commanding London District, or, where no larger body than one unit as defined in the Queen's Regulations for the Army for the time being in force is involved, the Divisional or District Commander of the place selected for the purposes of the training, or (iii) in the case of vehicles used for air force purposes an Air Officer Commanding or the Group Captain Commanding the School of Technical Training (Mechanical Transport).
2. Vehicles in the service of a visiting force of Canada.	The Chairman, Canadian Joint Staff (London).
3. Vehicles in the service of a visiting force of the United States of America.	The Commander, United States Naval Authorities (London) or a General Officer Commanding an Air Division or an equivalent or superior air force unit.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(See Regulation 3)

DESIGNATION OF AUTHORISING OFFICER

1.	2.
1. Home forces' vehicles	An officer of the home forces of a rank not lower than that of Captain Royal Navy, Brigadier or Group Captain.
2. Vehicles in the service of a visiting force of Canada.	Captain Royal Canadian Navy, Colonel or Group Captain.
3. Vehicles in the service of a visiting force of the United States of America.	Captain United States Navy, Colonel or Group Captain.

THIRD SCHEDULE

(See Regulation 2)

REGULATIONS REVOKED

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Special Exemption) Regulations, 1949(a).

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Special Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950(b).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations supersede the Regulations specified in the Third Schedule and grant exemptions from, and vary the requirements of, the Road Transport Lighting Acts, 1927 to 1953, in the case of vehicles of the home forces. These exemptions and variations are also applied to vehicles of the visiting forces of Canada and the United States of America.

The Regulations—

(*a*) exempt the above mentioned vehicles (in this Note referred to as " service vehicles ") from the requirements of the Acts of 1927 to 1953, whilst being used in connection with training on special occasions, or on military manoeuvres held within the limits and during the periods authorised under the Military Manoeuvres Acts, 1897 and 1911, and

(*b*) vary the requirements of the Acts of 1927 to 1953 as follows—

(i) in the case of service vehicles travelling together in convoy in specified circumstances, by modifying the requirements as to the front lights of all but the leading vehicle and the rear lights of all but the rearmost vehicle in the convoy ;

(a) S.I. 1949/1646 (1949 I, p. 3865). (b) S.I. 1950/623 (1950 II, p. 765).

(ii) by modifying the restriction on the movement of lights (other than dipping head lights) on vehicles when in motion to permit the use of searchlights on service vehicles ; and

(iii) in the case of service vehicles constructed or adapted for actual combative purposes if the construction of such vehicles is such as to render impracticable compliance with the requirements as to rear lights (including the rear lights to be shown by vehicles carrying overhanging loads) and as to reflectors, by modifying those requirements.

Regulation 7 makes additional provision for exempting mechanically propelled vehicles and trailers of the visiting forces of Canada and the United States of America as well as of certain other countries from the need to comply with the requirements of Parts II, III, IV and VI of the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations, 1954, relating to the position on vehicles and the character, of front lights, rear lights and reflectors, if those vehicles and trailers comply with certain requirements of the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in 1949.

SAFEGUARDING OF INDUSTRIES

1954 No. 704

The Safeguarding of Industries (List of Dutiable Goods) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1954

Made - - - - 26*th May*, 1954
Coming into Operation 3*rd June*, 1954

The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by subsection (5) of section 1 of the Safeguarding of Industries Act, 1921(**a**), and subsection (3) of section 5 of the Finance Act, 1936(**b**), hereby order as follows:—

1. The Safeguarding of Industries (List of Dutiable Goods) (Consolidation and Amendment) Order, 1949(**c**), as amended(**d**), shall have effect as if to Part II of the Second Schedule thereto (which contains the articles comprised in List H) there were added the articles set out in the Schedule to this Order.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**e**), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) This Order may be cited as the Safeguarding of Industries (List of Dutiable Goods) (Amendment No. 6) Order, 1954, and shall come into operation on the 3rd day of June, 1954.

Dated this 26th day of May, 1954.

F. G. Lee,
Secretary of the Board of Trade.

(**a**) 11 & 12 Geo. 5. c. 47. (**b**) 26 Geo. 5 & 1 Edw. 8. c. 34.
(**c**) S.I. 1949/2308 (1949 I, p. 3913).
(**d**) S.I. 1950/1099, 2085, 1952/1732, 1953/878, 1591 (1950 II, pp. 838, 839; 1952 III, p. 2824; 1953 II, pp. 1922, 1923). (**e**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.