STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Standing Vehicles) (Exemption) (General) Regulations 1972

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 10(1) and (4) of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957(**a**) and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Commencement, citation and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 30th April 1972 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Standing Vehicles) (Exemption) (General) Regulations 1972.

(2) The Road Vehicles Lighting (Standard Vehicles) (Exemption) (London) Regulations 1955(**b**) and the Road Vehicles Lighting (Standing Vehicles) (Exemption) (General) Regulations 1956(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

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

"goods vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 30 hundredweight and which is constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or burden of any description;

"motor cycle" means a bicycle or tricycle propelled by mechanical power;

"one-way street" means a road on which the driving of vehicles otherwise than in one direction is prohibited at all times;

"passenger vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage) constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver;

(**a**) 1957 c. 51.
(**b**) S.I. 1955/1363 (1955 II, p. 2324).
(**c**) S.I. 1956/741 (1956 II, p. 2007).

"pedal cycle" means a pedal bicycle or pedal tricycle, not being in either case propelled by mechanical power;

"road" includes a length of a road;

"speed limit", in relation to a road, means a speed limit of 30 miles per hour or a lower speed limit being in either case a speed limit imposed on mechanically propelled vehicles generally by or under any enactment;

"the required lights", in relation to a vehicle, means the lights showing to the front and the lights showing to the rear which, apart from these Regulations, would be required to be shown by that vehicle by the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by another vehicle.

(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, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulations revoked by Regulation 1 of these Regulations were Acts of Parliament thereby repealed.

Application

3. These Regulations apply to passenger vehicles, goods vehicles and invalid carriages, and to motor cycles and pedal cycles in either case whether or not having a sidecar attached, not being, in the case of any such vehicle, one to which—

(*a*) section 8 of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957 (which imposes requirements as to lights on vehicles with overhanging or projecting loads) applies; or

(*b*) a trailer is attached.

Parking of vehicles without lights

4.—(1) A vehicle to which these Regulations apply shall, when standing or parked at any place on a road on which a speed limit is in force, be exempted from showing the required lights if—

(*a*) in the case of a road not being a one-way street, the left or near side of the vehicle is as close as may be and is parallel to the edge of the carriageway, and, in the case of a road being a one-way street, the left or near side of the vehicle is as close as may be and is parallel to the left-hand edge of the carriageway or the right or off side of the vehicle is as close as may be and is parallel to the right-hand edge of the carriageway; and

(*b*) no part of the vehicle is within 15 yards from the junction of any part of the carriageway of any highway with the carriageway of the road on which the vehicle is standing or parked, whether that junction is on the same side of the road as that on which the vehicle is standing or parked or not.

Scope of Regulations

5. Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to authorise any person to cause or permit a vehicle which is exempted by these Regulations from showthe required lights to stand or be parked on a road in any place or for any

(**a**) 1889 c. 63.

period in or for which it would be unlawful for the vehicle to stand or be parked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

John Peyton,

Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of Environment.

9th February 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke the Regulations (specified in Regulation 1) which make provision generally, and special provision with respect to London, for the exemption of certain vehicles when standing or parked on roads from the requirements of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957 as to the showing of front and rear lights. The Regulations make new provision with respect to such exemption, applicable generally to all roads on which a speed limit of 30 mph or less is in force. The classes of vehicle to which the exemption applies and the conditions subject to which it applies are respectively specified in Regulations 3 and 4.

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