EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations re-enact with amendments the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1951.

The principal changes are:—

1. Provision is made for the assignment of vehicle registration marks consisting of numbers followed by letters. Hitherto such marks have consisted only of letters followed by numbers. (Regulation 14 and Third Schedule.)

2. The provisions which authorise Councils to require vehicles to be produced at a weighbridge for weighing now prescribe that, when produced, a vehicle shall be accompanied by any alternative or additional body or parts which are required to be included in its unladen weight. (Regulation 16.)

3. Councils are required to supply to the Postmaster General particulars as to vehicles fitted with wireless sets. (Regulation 27 (2).)

4. The holder of a Trade Licence is required to notify a Council of any change of address. (Regulation 29, Article B (5).)

5. Authorisation is given for the carriage of a passenger in a broken-down vehicle being drawn by a vehicle used under a Limited Trade Licence. (Regulation 30, Article B (2) (*a*) (iii).)

6. Provision is made for the registration of vehicles which are used on public roads only to a limited extent and which are for that reason exempt from duty, and of certain other vehicles which are exempt from duty. (Regulation 33 (3) and (4).)

1953 No. 1753

The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953

Made - - - -	30*th November*, 1953
Laid before Parliament	3*rd December*, 1953
Coming into Operation	11*th December*, 1953

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under sections 9, 17, 18 and 25 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(**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 11th day of December, 1953, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations, 1953".

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.

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

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1953(b), shall have effect as though—

(1) the following paragraph were added immediately after paragraph (*c*) of Regulation 17:—

"or

(*d*) if the vehicle in respect of which the application is made is chargeable with duty under section 4 or section 5 of the Act.";

(2) the words "silver or light grey" were inserted after the word "white" in sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph 2 of the Third Schedule and in paragraph 2 of the Fourth Schedule.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this 30th day of November, 1953.

(L.S.) *Alan Lennox-Boyd,*

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 amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 1953:

(1) by providing that in future excise licences for tractors and goods vehicles shall be issued only by County Councils and not at Post Offices; and

(2) by authorising the use of silver or light grey as well as white letters and figures—

(*a*) on the registration marks of motor vehicles except where the marks can be illuminated at night by transparency or translucency; and

(*b*) on hackney carriage plates.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) S.I. 1953/231, p. 1887 above.