STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 594

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1968

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(**a**), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 24th April 1968 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1968.

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

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1964(**c**), as amended(**d**), shall have effect as though after Regulation 47 there were inserted the following Regulation:—

"Exemption of agricultural machines from duty as goods vehicles in certain cases—

47A (1) This Regulation applies to vehicles which are agricultural machines (as defined in Part I of Schedule 3 to the Act) which do not draw trailers and which are constructed or adapted for use and used for the conveyance in removable appliances fitted to the vehicle of goods or burden the haulage of which is permissible under paragraphs (*a*) to (*e*) of paragraph 2(1) of that Part of that Schedule.

(2) An appliance, not being a tined appliance, which has an external width not exceeding 8 feet 2 inches, an external length not exceeding 5 feet 2 inches and an external height not exceeding 2 feet 2 inches and which does not satisfy condition (*b*) in paragraph 5(2) of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Act, is hereby prescribed for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of paragraph 6 of that Part of that Schedule.

(3) Paragraph 5(2) of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Act shall not apply to a vehicle to which this Regulation applies which is fitted with an appliance of the description prescribed by paragraph (2) of this Regulation unless the appliance is used in the following circumstances, namely:—

(*a*) another appliance with the same dimensions shall be fitted at the opposite end of the vehicle;

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13.
(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1964/1178 (1964 II, p. 2722).
(d) There is no relevant amending instrument.

(*b*) each such appliance shall be so fitted to the vehicle that its longitudinal axis lies in the same vertical plane as the longitudinal axis of the vehicle;

(*c*) the weight of any goods or burden carried in each such appliance shall not exceed 6½ cwt.;

(*d*) the weight of any goods or burden carried in the two appliances shall be distributed equally between them;

(*e*) the goods or burden carried in each appliance shall not be above the highest point of that appliance; and

(*f*) the vehicle shall not proceed on a public road at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

(4) Paragraph 5(2)(*b*) of Part I of Schedule 4 to the Act shall not have effect in relation to appliances of the description prescribed by paragraph (2) of this Regulation, but in relation thereto paragraph 5(4) of that Part of that Schedule shall have effect with the substitution of the distance of three miles for the distance of fifteen miles specified therein."

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 8th April 1968.

(L.S.)

Richard Marsh,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Schedule 4 to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962, contains provision that agricultural machines when used for the conveyance of goods or burden in removable appliances which are constructed and used in accordance with conditions laid down in the Schedule, or which may be prescribed in Regulations, shall be chargeable with the lower rate of duty as agricultural machines under Schedule 3 instead of the higher rate as goods vehicles under Schedule 4.

These Regulations, which further amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1964, prescribe such an appliance and the conditions under which it may be used.