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ROAD VEHICLES

Registration and Licensing

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH DECEMBER, 1965, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954(a).

The Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a), and every other power thereunto enabling it hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as "The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965", and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

(2) The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1957(b) are hereby revoked.

(3) In these Regulations the expression "Principal Regulations" means "The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1947"(c).

2. The Principal Regulations shall have effect as though—

(i) the First Schedule to these Regulations were substituted for the Fourth Schedule thereto; and

(ii) the provisions in the Second Schedule to these Regulations were added to the provisions in the Fifth Schedule thereto.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development this 7th day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five.

(L.S.) *John F. Irvine,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1954. c. 17.
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 152.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 167.

FIRST SCHEDULE

County Council of—

Antrim	IA, DZ, KZ, RZ, AIA, BIA, CIA and DIA:
Armagh	IB, LZ, XZ, AIB, BIB, CIB and DIB:
Down	IJ, BZ, JZ, SZ, AIJ, BIJ, CIJ and DIJ:
Fermanagh	IL, AIL and BIL:
Londonderry	IW, NZ, YZ, AIW, BIW, CIW and DIW:
Tyrone	JI, HZ, VZ, AJI, BJI, CJI and DJI:

Council of the County Borough of—

Belfast	OI, XI, AZ, CZ, EZ, FZ, GZ, MZ, OZ, PZ, TZ, UZ, WZ, AOI, BOI, COI, DOI, EOI, FOI, GOI, and HOI:
Londonderry	UI, AUI and BUI.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Provisions to be complied with

7. At the option of the owner a registration mark shall conform either with the provisions of paragraphs 3 to 6 to the exclusion of any of the provisions of paragraphs 8 to 12 or with the provisions of paragraphs 8 to 12 to the exclusion of any of the provisions of paragraphs 3 to 6.

8. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 12, all letters and figures shall be $3\frac{1}{3}$ inches high, every part of each letter and figure shall be $\frac{9}{16}$ inch broad, and the total width of the space taken by each letter and figure, except in the case of the figure "1", shall be $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

9. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 8, part of the visible surface of every letter and figure comprised in a registration mark which is embossed or pressed shall be flat, every part of the width of the said flat part shall be not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and every such letter and figure shall be so arranged that the said flat part is parallel to the surface of the plate on which the letter or figure appears, and no part of any such letter or figure shall project from the surface of the said plate by more than $\frac{5}{16}$ inch.

10. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 12, there shall be an upper margin and a lower margin on the black surface upon which the registration mark is inscribed or formed, and a side margin on each side of the said surface, of at least $\frac{7}{16}$ inch; the space between the nearest parts of adjoining letters and between the nearest parts of adjoining figures shall be $\frac{7}{16}$ inch, except that where the registration mark is embossed or pressed the space between the nearest parts of two adjoining figures "1" shall be not less than $\frac{7}{16}$ inch nor more than $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches and the space between the nearest part of a figure "1" and the nearest part of any other adjoining figure shall be not less than $\frac{7}{16}$ inch nor more than $1\frac{9}{32}$ inches.

11. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 12, where the registration mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 1, or diagram No. 3, the space between the upper and lower lines must be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Where it is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 2, or diagram No. 4, the space between the letters and the figures must be $1\frac{5}{16}$ inches, except that where the registration mark is embossed or pressed the said space of $1\frac{5}{16}$ inches may be exceeded by not more than $\frac{21}{32}$ inch.

12. As respects the registration mark assigned to a bicycle, an invalid carriage or a pedestrian controlled vehicle—

(1) where the registration mark is exhibited on the front of the vehicle the following requirements may be complied with instead of the requirements

specified in paragraphs 8, 10 and 11 if each of the said requirements, and each of the requirements specified in paragraph 9, is complied with to the exclusion of each of the requirements specified in paragraphs 8, 10 and 11, that is to say:—

(i) each letter and figure shall be 1¾ inches high, every part of each letter and figure shall be $\frac{5}{16}$ inch broad, and the total width of the space taken by each letter and figure, except in the case of the figure "1", shall be 1¼ inches;

(ii) there shall be an upper margin and a lower margin on the black surface upon which the registration mark is inscribed or formed, and a side margin on each side of the said surface, of at least ¼ inch; the space between the nearest parts of adjoining letters and the nearest parts of adjoining figures shall be $\frac{3}{16}$ inch; and

(iii) where the mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 1, or diagram No. 3, the space between the upper and lower lines shall be ⅜ inch and where it is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 2, or diagram No. 4, the space between the letters and the figures shall be $\frac{9}{16}$ inch; and

(2) where the registration mark is exhibited on the back of the vehicle and is so exhibited on a plate the following requirements may be complied with instead of the requirements specified in paragraphs 8, 10 and 11 if each of the said requirements, and each of the requirements specified in paragraph 9, is complied with to the exclusion of each of the requirements specified in paragraphs 8, 10 and 11, that is to say:—

(i) each letter and figure shall be 2½ inches high, every part of each letter and figure shall be ⅜ inch broad, and the total width of the space taken by each letter and figure, except in the case of the figure "1", shall be 1¾ inches,

(ii) there shall be an upper margin and a lower margin on the black surface upon which the registration mark is inscribed or formed, and a side margin on each side of the said surface, of at least ⅜ inch; the space between the nearest parts of adjoining letters and adjoining figures shall be ⅜ inch, and

(iii) where the mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 1, or diagram No. 3, the space between the upper and lower lines shall be ½ inch, and where it is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 2, or diagram No. 4, the space between the letters and the figures shall be 1 inch.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations substitute a new Schedule for the Fourth Schedule to the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1947. Additional index marks in a three letter series are allotted to the several authorities responsible for the licensing of mechanically-propelled vehicles and alternative standards of size, shape and character are now provided.