



Road Traffic Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 20

PART II

CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

General provisions

56 Power to inspect goods vehicles to secure proper maintenance

- (1) For the purpose of securing that goods vehicles are maintained in a fit and serviceable condition and that, in relation to goods vehicles, the provisions of this Part of this Act (except section 59) and of Part V of the Transport Act 1968 are observed, the Secretary of State shall appoint such examiners as he considers necessary.

In this section and sections 57 and 58 of this Act "goods vehicle examiner" means an examiner appointed under this subsection or a certifying officer appointed under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1960.

- (2) A goods vehicle examiner—
- (a) may at any time, on production if so required of his authority, enter and inspect any goods vehicle, and for that purpose detain the vehicle during such time as is required for the inspection ;
 - (b) may at any time which is reasonable having regard to the circumstances of the case enter any premises on which he has reason to believe that a goods vehicle is kept.
- (3) A person who obstructs a goods vehicle examiner in the performance of his duty under subsection (2) above shall be guilty of an offence.
- (4) A goods vehicle examiner or a constable in uniform may at any time require any person in charge of a stationary goods vehicle on a road to proceed with the vehicle for the purpose of having it inspected under this section to any place where an inspection can be suitably carried out (not being more than one mile from the place where the requirement is made).

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- (5) A person in charge of a goods vehicle who refuses or neglects to comply with a requirement made under subsection (4) above shall be guilty of an offence.