

SCHEDULE 6

Construction Requirements of Minibuses

Power-operated doors

- 4.—(1) A power-operated door fitted to a minibus shall—
- (a) incorporate transparent panels so as to enable a person immediately inside the door to see a person immediately outside the door;
 - (b) be capable of being operated by a mechanism controlled by the driver of the vehicle when in the driving seat;
 - (c) be capable, in the event of an emergency or a failure of the supply of power for the operation of the door, of being opened from both inside and outside the vehicle by controls which—
 - (i) over-ride all other controls.
 - (ii) are placed on, or adjacent to, the door, and
 - (iii) are accompanied by markings which clearly indicate their position and method of operation and state that they may not be used by passengers except in an emergency.
 - (d) have a soft edge so that a trapped finger is unlikely to be injured; and
 - (e) be controlled by a mechanism by virtue of which if the door, when closing, meets a resistance exceeding 150 Newtons, either
 - the door will cease to close and begin to open, or
 - the closing force will cease and the door will become capable of being opened manually.
- (2) A minibus shall not be equipped with a system for the storage or transmission of energy in respect of the opening or closing of a door which, either in normal operation or if the system fails, is capable of adversely affecting the operation of the vehicle's braking system.