

Each vehicle, the overall length of which exceeds 27 feet, shall be able to turn in either direction in a circle not exceeding sixty-six feet in diameter as determined by the extreme outer edge of the wheel track at ground level."

3.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as "The Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950."

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (a), shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies, by virtue of the interpretation Act, 1921 (b), for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 1st day of November, 1950, in the presence of :—

(L.S.)

Arthur Acheson Farrell,
Assistant Secretary.

Road Vehicles (Lighting)

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934.

1950. No. 224

The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (c) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations relative to the lighting of road vehicles and matters incidental thereto :

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1951, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950".

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938 (d), and the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949 (e), are hereby revoked, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything done thereunder or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (b) 12 Geo. 5 Ch. 4 (N.I.).
(c) 24 and 25 Geo. 5, c. 15. (d) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1938, No. 64.
(e) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1949, No. 182.

Definition.

3. For the purpose of these Regulations the expression "omnibus" means a public service vehicle as defined by Section 43 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (a), seating more than six persons in addition to the driver thereof.

Application to Motor Vehicles of Temporary Visitors to Northern Ireland.

4. These Regulations shall not apply to any motor vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and intending only to make a temporary stay in Northern Ireland while the said vehicle is being used by such person during his stay, provided that such vehicle complies in every respect with the requirements of Paragraphs IV, V, VI and VII of Article 3 of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic (b) concluded at Paris on the 24th day of April, 1926.

Interpretation.

5. The Interpretation Act, 1889 (c), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Position of Obligatory Front Lamps.

6. Subject to the provisions of Regulation 8 of these Regulations every lamp showing to the front a white light required to be carried on any vehicle under the Act and these Regulations (such lamps being hereinafter in these Regulations referred to as "obligatory front lamps") shall —

- (a) except in the case of an omnibus be fixed so that the centre of the lamp is at a height not exceeding 5 feet from the ground, provided that in the case of a vehicle drawn by two or more horses or other animals the lamp may be fixed so that the centre of the lamp is at a height not exceeding 5 feet 9 inches from the ground ;
- (b) except in the case of a bicycle, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise, be so fixed that no part of the vehicle or its equipment (exclusive of the driving mirror and of any direction indicator when in operation) extends laterally on the same side as the lamp more than 12 inches beyond the centre of the lamp ; and
- (c) in the case of vehicles drawn by horses or other animals be so fixed that the centre of the lamp is not in the case of such a vehicle having only one axle in the rear of that axle, and in the case of such a vehicle (other than a brougham) having more than one axle more than 1 foot 6 inches behind the front axle when the front axle and the rear axle are parallel.

7. Where two obligatory front lamps are carried on any vehicle they shall be fixed on opposite sides of the vehicle and, except in the

(a) 24 and 25 Geo. 5, c. 15.

(b) Treaty Series No. 11 (1930).

(c) 52 and 53 Vict. c. 63.

case of a bicycle having a sidecar attached thereto, shall be fixed at the same height from the ground.

8. In the case of a motor vehicle first registered under the Roads Act, 1920 (a), on or after 1st January, 1952, every lamp showing a light to the front to which the provisions of Regulation 9 of these Regulations apply shall be so fixed that the centre of the lamp is —

Position of Front Lamps carried by Motor Vehicles first registered on or after 1st January, 1952.

- (a) not more than 3 feet 6 inches from the ground ; and
- (b) except in the case of a lamp which is used only in conditions of fog or whilst snow is falling, not less than 2 feet 2 inches from the ground.

9.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (3) of this Regulation and except in the case of a pedal bicycle the provisions of this Regulation shall apply to every lamp the light of which is derived from an acetylene burner or an electric bulb.

Character of Front Lamps.

(2) No lamp showing a light to the front shall be used on any vehicle unless such lamp is so constructed, fitted and maintained that the beam of light emitted therefrom —

- (i) is permanently deflected downwards to such an extent that it is at all times incapable of dazzling any person standing on the same horizontal plane as the vehicle at a greater distance than twenty-five feet from the lamp whose eye-level is not less than 3 feet 6 inches above that plane ; or
- (ii) can be deflected downwards or both downwards and to the left at the will of the driver in such manner as to render it incapable of dazzling any such person in the circumstances aforesaid ; or
- (iii) can be extinguished by the operation of a device which at the same time causes a beam of light to be emitted from the lamp which complies with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph ; or
- (iv) can be extinguished by the operation of a device which at the same time either deflects the beam of light from another lamp downwards or both downwards and to the left in such manner as to render it incapable of dazzling any such person in the circumstances aforesaid, or brings into or leaves in operation a lamp or lamps (other than the obligatory front lamps) which complies or comply with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.

Provided that a lamp (unless it is used only in conditions of fog or whilst snow is falling) shall not be held to comply with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph unless it is also so fixed that its centre is not less than 2

feet 2 inches from the ground in the case of a vehicle to which Regulation 8 of these Regulations applies, or 2 feet from the ground in any other case.

(3) This Regulation shall not apply to any lamp fitted with an electric bulb or bulbs if the power of any bulb or the total power of all the bulbs which are capable of being illuminated at the same time does not exceed 7 watts and the lamp is fitted with frosted glass or other material which has the effect of diffusing the light.

Swivelling
and
Deflecting
Lamps.

10. It shall not be lawful for a vehicle to carry any light capable of being moved by swivelling, deflecting or otherwise while the vehicle is in motion except the following :—

- (a) a dipping head light ;
- (b) a light for use in case of fog ;
- (c) not more than two lamps showing a light to the front so fitted that the beam of light emitted from any such lamp may be deflected to either side, provided that —
 - (1) the lateral deflection shall be dependent on the movement of the front wheels of the vehicle when they are turned for the purpose of steering the vehicle though the angle through which the beam of light may be deflected need not be the same as the angle through which the wheels are turned, and
 - (2) the centre of any such lamp shall be not more than 3 feet 6 inches above the ground.

Markings of
Electric
Bulbs.

11. Every electric bulb used in a lamp showing a light to the front fitted to any motor vehicle shall have the wattage thereof indelibly marked upon the glass or the metal cap thereof in a readily legible manner.

Extinguish-
ment of
Front Lamps
on Station-
ary Vehicles.

12. An electric bulb or bulbs of a power or a combined power as the case may be exceeding 7 watts in any lamp showing a light to the front fitted to any vehicle shall not be kept illuminated while such vehicle is stationary on a road :

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply :—

- (a) to lamps used —
 - (i) on any vehicle during an enforced stoppage of the vehicle ;
 - (ii) on any omnibus when stopping to pick up or set down passengers ;
 - (iii) for the interior illumination of any vehicle ;
 - (iv) on break-down vehicles or tower wagons when in use for the special purpose for which they are intended ;
- (b) to searchlights or other special lamps fitted to any vehicle used for naval, military, air force, police or fire brigade purposes ;

- (c) to searchlights or other special lamps fitted to any vehicles used for the purpose of carrying out emergency repairs to any sewer or to any main, pipe, cable or other apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity whilst such repairs are actually being carried out.

13. Save where in accordance with the provisions of the Act and these Regulations, a separate lamp showing a red light to the rear is not carried on any vehicle, the lamp showing to the rear a red light required to be carried on any vehicle under the Act and these Regulations shall be so fixed that it is either on the centre line or on the off-side of the vehicle, and that no part of the vehicle projects at any time to the rear more than 2 feet measured horizontally beyond such lamp.

Position of Rear Lamp.

14. A lamp showing to the rear a red light in pursuance of the requirements of Section 30 of the Act shall not be fixed to any vehicle other than an omnibus so that its centre is at a height exceeding 3 feet 6 inches from the ground unless, in addition to such lamp, there are also fixed to the vehicle so that their centres are at a height not exceeding 3 feet 6 inches from the ground a red reflector and a white surface which comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulation 15 of these Regulations.

Provision of Additional Reflector and White Surface in Certain Cases.

15. Every red reflector carried on any vehicle in pursuance of the provisions of the Act or these Regulations shall comply in all respects with the following conditions :—

Rear Reflector and White Surfaces.

- (a) The reflector shall be so constructed that, if placed 100 feet away from and squarely facing a source of light throwing a beam of white light of 2,000 candle power in the direction of the reflector, the reflector when turned in any direction through an angle not exceeding $22\frac{1}{2}$ degrees shall reflect a beam of red light of not less than one-thousandth of a candle power in any direction making an angle not greater than three degrees with an imaginary line connecting the centres of the reflector and the source of light aforesaid, and shall not reflect any letter, number or other mark.
- (b) The surface of the reflector by which light is reflected in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Regulation shall, if circular, be not less than $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, and if not circular shall be of such a size that a circle of $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter may be inscribed thereon.
- (c) The reflector shall be attached to the vehicle at any time during which it is used on a public road during the hours of darkness, and, in addition to the reflector, there shall be attached to, or carried on the vehicle in close proximity to the reflector or so as to form a background thereto and facing to the rear, an unobscured white surface, which—
- (1) in the case of a bicycle or a tricycle not propelled by mechanical power shall have an unobscured area of not less than 12 square inches ;

- (2) in the case of a vehicle drawn by a horse or other animal or drawn or propelled by hand shall have an unobscured area of not less than 36 square inches ; and
- (3) every white surface so attached or carried as aforesaid shall be maintained in a clean condition and shall be so fixed that —
 - (i) no part of the vehicle projects more than 20 inches to the rear of any part of such white surface ;
 - (ii) not less than 6 square inches of the white surface shall be on the off-side of the centre line of the vehicle ; and
 - (iii) not less than 6 square inches of the white surface shall be over 10 inches above the ground :
- (4) for the purpose of this part of this Regulation “ white ” shall include the colour of polished aluminium or chromium plating.

- (d) The reflector shall be fixed securely to the vehicle —
 - (1) in a vertical position and facing squarely to the rear ;
 - (2) not less than 15 inches above the ground and either on the centre line or on the off-side of the vehicle ; and
 - (3) so that no part of the vehicle projects more than 20 inches to the rear of the reflector, provided that in the case of a vehicle drawn by a horse or other animal the reflector shall be fixed to the vehicle not more than 4 feet nor less than 15 inches above the ground, and on the off or right side of the vehicle : provided also that in the case of such a vehicle having four wheels it may be fixed on the rear axle not less than 16 inches nor more than 20 inches from the inside face of the nave of the off-side rear wheel.
- (e) The reflector shall be kept clean and unobscured so as to be plainly visible from the rear.

Hand-drawn
Vehicles.

16.—(1) If a vehicle drawn or propelled by hand is, together with its load, not more than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet in greatest width, not more than 6 feet in greatest length and not more than 4 feet 6 inches in greatest height, it shall not be necessary for such vehicle to show any lights, provided that it is kept when in use on a road during the hours of darkness as near as possible to the edge of the carriageway.

(2) If a vehicle drawn or propelled by hand, together with its load, exceeds any or all of the dimensions set out in paragraph (1) of this Regulation it shall not be necessary for such vehicle to carry more than one obligatory front lamp, which shall be attached to the off-side of the vehicle.

(3) A separate lamp showing a red light to the rear shall not be required to be carried by a vehicle drawn or propelled by hand if an unobscured and efficient red reflector is carried.

17. Every vehicle when actually in use for the conveyance of a fire-escape shall, provided that the lamp carried on such vehicle and showing a red light to the rear in accordance with the provisions of the Act is not obscured by the fire-escape (or any part thereof or attachment thereto) when in its normal position on the vehicle for the purpose of conveyance, be exempted from the requirements of sub-section (b) of Section 36 of the Act. Fire-escape.

18. Save in those streets to which unilateral waiting applies, the driver of a vehicle shall not, during the hours of darkness, allow the vehicle to stand otherwise than on the left or near side of a street having regard to the direction in which the vehicle was proceeding immediately before being brought to rest or to stand in such a position that the light from the front lamps thereof is likely to be a source of danger to other traffic using the street. Parking of Vehicles During Hours of Darkness.

19. The County Inspector of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in any County, and the City Commissioner of Police in Belfast, if satisfied that any part of any road or street prescribed by Order or By-law as a parking place or stand for vehicles, is adequately lighted, may, in cases where it would otherwise be necessary for vehicles standing on such parking places or stands to show lights in accordance with the Act and these Regulations, give his consent to the use of such parking places and stands for the parking of vehicles without lights, and it shall not be necessary for vehicles using any parking place or stand in respect of which such consent has been given to show any light. Lights on Vehicles in Parking Places.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce
for Northern Ireland this 21st day of December, One
Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty in the presence of

(L.S.)

Arthur Acheson Farrell,
Assistant Secretary.

Newry

REGULATIONS DATED 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1950, MADE BY THE
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES
AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929.

1950. No. 24

The Ministry of Commerce in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1929, and of all other powers in this behalf thereunto enabling it hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Newry) Regulations, 1950.