

PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH JULY, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION NINETEEN OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

1955. No. 111

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by section nineteen of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, and of all other powers enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. For paragraph (4) of Regulation 19 of the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(4) (a) The number of passengers carried on an omnibus shall not exceed the seating capacity ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph: Provided that:—

- (i) for the purposes of this sub-paragraph a child under the age of seven years shall not be regarded as a person;
- (ii) in the case of an omnibus specially hired for the conveyance of children to or from school or to or from the seaside or for the purpose of a tour or journey to any place or through any district, any three children under the age of fifteen years, when they are carried on a single-decked vehicle or on the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle, shall be regarded as two persons;
- (iii) where between the hours of eight in the morning and half-past five in the afternoon, children are travelling to or from school in an omnibus to which sub-paragraph (ii) does not apply, any three children under the age of 15 years, when they are carried on a single-decked vehicle or on the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle, shall be regarded as two persons, so, however, that in determining the total number of children which may be so carried, the seating capacity of the single-decked vehicle or the lower deck of the double-decked vehicle, as the case may be, shall be reduced by six;
- (iv) an omnibus which carries a conductor may carry a number of standing passengers not exceeding one-third of the number of passengers for which the vehicle, or in the case of a double-decked vehicle the lower deck, has seating capacity, or eight, whichever number is the lesser, if the standing

passengers are taken up during the hours of peak traffic or in circumstances in which undue hardship would be caused to such passengers if they were not carried in the vehicle; but no standing passengers shall be carried:—

- (1) on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle;
 - (2) if there is a vacant seat in the case of a single-decked vehicle or, in the case of a double-decked vehicle, if there is a vacant seat on the lower deck thereof.
- (b) The conductor, or where there is no conductor the driver, of an omnibus shall not permit any breach of this paragraph."

2. After Regulation 19 of the Principal Regulations there shall be added the following Regulation:—

"19A. The Ministry may authorise the carrying in any single-decked omnibus specially constructed or adapted for the purpose, subject to such conditions as the Ministry thinks fit, on specified routes and on specified services, the number of standing passengers for which the vehicle has been certified by an Inspector of Vehicles as constructed or adapted as fit to carry. Any authorisation or certificate given under this Regulation may be varied, suspended or revoked by the Ministry or by an Inspector of Vehicles, as the case may be, at any time.

Provided that no standing passengers shall be carried on any vehicle by virtue of this Regulation unless a conductor is carried thereon."

3. For paragraph (a) of Regulation 35 of the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(a) the seating capacity of the vehicle is clearly and legibly painted in a conspicuous position on the outside thereof, and, in the case of a single-decked vehicle specially constructed or adapted for the carriage of standing passengers in respect of which a certificate has been issued under Regulation 19A of these Regulations, the seating and standing capacity of the vehicle is similarly indicated."

4. For Regulation 32 of the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"32. Except where authorised in writing by the Ministry an omnibus seating more than twenty persons in addition to the driver shall not stand or ply for hire or carry passengers for hire unless in addition to the driver a conductor is employed thereon: Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in any case where a single-decked omnibus is hired for a specific sum or at a specific rate per seat by an organised

party, or is used to stand and ply for hire for particular tours and returns its passengers to the point from which they started."

5.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1955, and shall come into operation on the Fifteenth day of July, 1955.

(2) In these Regulations the expression "the Principal Regulations" means the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1951(a).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Sixth day of July One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-five.

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R. F. R. Dunbar,
Assistant Secretary.

ROAD VEHICLES

REGULATIONS, DATED 14TH DAY OF MAY, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929.

1955. No. 87

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The Ministry of Home Affairs 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 powers thereunto enabling it hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Armagh, Co. Armagh) Regulations, 1955.

2. A person shall not, except by the express direction or permission of a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, drive or propel a vehicle of any kind whatsoever in any street or length of street in the Urban District of Armagh in the County of Armagh specified in the schedule to these Regulations except in the direction prescribed in relation to that street in the Schedule.

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Fourteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five in the presence of

(L.S.)

R. F. R. Dunbar,
Assistant Secretary.

(a) S.R. & O. 1951, No. 54.