

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Portstewart, County Londonderry) Regulations, 1958.

2. The Road Vehicles (Portstewart, County Londonderry) Regulations, 1952(a), are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 3rd day of February, one thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight in the presence of

(L.S.)

J. B. O'Neill,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Vehicular traffic using Larkhill Road in Portstewart was previously required to travel in one direction only. This road has been reconstructed and widened and is now suitable for two-way traffic.

ROAD VEHICLES

Registration and Licensing

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH JANUARY, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

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The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954(b), 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), 1958”, and shall come into operation on the date hereof.

(2) In these Regulations the expression “Principal Regulations” means “The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947”(c), which make provision, amongst other things, for the registration of mechanically-propelled vehicles.

2. The Principal Regulations shall be and are hereby amended as follows:—

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952, No. 206.

(b) 1954. c. 17 (N.I.).

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 167.

(a) the Schedule to these Regulations shall be substituted for the Fifth Schedule to the Principal Regulations;

(b) the following Regulation shall be substituted for Regulation 14 of the Principal Regulations:

“ 14.—(1) The index mark and registration number which is declared to have been the index mark and registration number of any vehicle at the 31st day of December, 1920, shall be the registration mark of the vehicle and shall thereafter attach to that vehicle until the same is broken up, destroyed or sent permanently out of Northern Ireland:

Provided that if a Council are not satisfied that such index mark and registration number were at the 31st day of December, 1920, registered in respect of that vehicle under Article 3 or Article 4 of the Motor Car (Registration and Licensing) Order, 1903(a), or under Article 3 or Article 4 of the Motor Car Registration and Licensing (Scotland) Order, 1903(a), or under Article 3 or Article 4 of the Motor Car (Registration and Licensing) (Ireland) Order, 1903(a), as the case may be, they shall assign to the vehicle a new registration mark consisting of an index mark allotted to the Council followed or preceded by a registered number, and the licence and Registration Book, if any, already issued in respect of the vehicle shall be delivered up to the Council who shall issue an amended licence and Registration Book containing the new registration mark.

(2) The assignment of registration marks to vehicles brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by persons resident outside the United Kingdom shall be effected in accordance with the provisions of The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1957(b) or The Motor Car (Irish Circulation) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1925(c), as the case may be.

(3) In the case of any other vehicle the Council shall assign to the vehicle a registration mark consisting of an index mark allotted to the Council followed or preceded by a registered number and that registration mark shall thereafter attach to that vehicle until the same is broken up, destroyed or sent permanently out of Northern Ireland.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this ninth day of January, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight, in the presence of

(L.S.)

(Sgd.) *W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.

(a) S.R. & O. Rev. 1904, VIII, Locomotive, pp. 23, 44 and 63, respectively.
 (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 149.
 (c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1925, No. 164.

SCHEDULE

Requirements as to Registration Marks



Diagram No. 1



Diagram No. 2



Diagram No. 3



Diagram No. 4

The alternative diagrams above are specimen registration marks.

Provisions to be complied with

1. Where the registration mark of the vehicle consists of an index mark followed by a registered number it shall at the option of the owner be arranged in conformity with either diagram No. 1 or diagram No. 2, and where it consists of a registered number followed by an index mark it shall at the option of the owner be arranged in conformity with either diagram No. 3 or diagram No. 4.

2. (i) Unless the registration mark is so constructed that it can be illuminated by transparency or translucency, it shall be formed of white, silver or light grey letters and figures upon a black surface and every letter or figure shall be indelibly inscribed or so attached to such surface that it cannot readily be detached therefrom. If the letters and figures are exhibited on a flat plate, the plate may be constructed of cast or pressed metal having raised letters and figures.

(ii) If the registration mark is so constructed and used that it is illuminated by transparency or translucency, the letters and figures must all, when so illuminated during the hours of darkness, as defined by section 30 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934, appear, in the case of the front registration mark, white, and in the case of the rear registration mark either white or red; if they appear red no other lamp showing to the rear a red light as required by section 1 of the last-mentioned Act need be carried on any vehicle until such day as the provisions of section 33 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955, come into operation in respect of that vehicle by virtue of an Order made by the Minister of Home Affairs under that Act. At all other times the letters and figures shall appear white against a black background.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Schedule, all letters and figures must be $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high, every part of every letter and figure must be $\frac{5}{8}$ inch broad; and the total width of the space taken by every letter or figure, except in the case of the figure "1", must be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

4. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Schedule, there must be a margin between the nearest part of any letter or figure and the top or bottom of the black surface upon which the registration mark appears of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and between the nearest part of any letter or figure and the sides of the black surface of at least 1 inch. The space between the nearest parts of adjoining letters and between the nearest parts of adjoining figures must be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch provided that where the registration mark consists either of a single plate with letters and figures embossed or pressed thereon or with separate letters and figures attached thereto or of separate plates each with a single letter or figure embossed or pressed thereon or attached thereto, the space between the nearest parts of two adjoining figures "1" must be not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch nor more than $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches and the space between the nearest part of a figure "1" and the nearest part of any other adjoining figure must be not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch nor more than $1\frac{1}{16}$ inches.

5. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Schedule, where the registration mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 1 or diagram No. 3, the space between the upper and lower line must be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Where the registration mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 2 or diagram No. 4, the space between the letters and the figures must be $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, except that where the registration mark consists either of a

single plate with letters and figures embossed or pressed thereon or with separate letters and figures attached thereto, or of separate plates each with a single letter or figure embossed or pressed thereon or attached thereto the said space of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches may be exceeded by not more than $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

6. In the case of a bicycle, an invalid carriage and a pedestrian controlled vehicle—

- (a) the dimensions prescribed in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this Schedule may be halved as regards the plate or surface bearing the registration mark on the front of the vehicle, and that plate or surface need not be rectangular if the letters and figures thereon comply as nearly as possible with the arrangement shown in whichever diagram of this Schedule is appropriate; and
- (b) where the registration mark exhibited on the back of the vehicle is exhibited on a plate, the corners of the plate may be rounded off, the letters forming the index mark (if the form shown in diagram No. 1 is used) or the figures forming the registered number (if the form shown in diagram No. 3 is used) may be placed to the left so, however, that no part of the first letter or the first figure, as the case may be, is nearer to the left-hand edge of the plate than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and the following requirements may be complied with as regards that plate in substitution for those prescribed in the said paragraphs 3, 4 and 5:—
 - (i) All letters and figures must be $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches high; every part of every letter and figure must be $\frac{3}{8}$ inch broad; and the total width of the space taken by every letter or figure, except in the case of the figure "1", must be $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
 - (ii) The space between the nearest parts of adjoining letters and adjoining figures must be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, and there must be a margin between the nearest part of any letter or figure and the top, bottom and sides of the black surface upon which the registration mark is inscribed of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.
 - (iii) Where the registration mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 1 or diagram No. 3, the space between the upper and lower line must be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Where the registration mark is arranged in accordance with diagram No. 2 or diagram No. 4, the space between the letters and the figures must be 1 inch.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations enable Northern Ireland Licensing Authorities to assign to motor vehicles registration marks consisting of an index mark either followed or preceded by a registered number.