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MOTOR VEHICLES: USE AND CONSTRUCTION**Track Laying Vehicles**

REGULATIONS, DATED 25TH JULY, 1960, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION FOUR OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1955.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section four of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as “The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track Laying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1960”, and shall come into operation on the first day of September, 1960.

Amendments to Principal Regulations

2. The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1956(b), shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 2, in paragraph (1)—

(a) after the definition of “land implement” there were inserted the following definition:—“land implement conveyor” means a trailer, having an unladen weight not exceeding ten hundredweight, which is specially designed and constructed for the conveyance of not more than one land implement and which is fitted with pneumatic tyres and drawn by a land locomotive or a land tractor;

(b) at the end of the definition of “land locomotive” there were inserted the words “or land implement conveyors”;

(c) for the definition of “land tractor” there were substituted the following definition:—

“land tractor” means a tractor, having an unladen weight not exceeding seven-and-one-quarter tons, designed and used primarily for work on the land in connection with agriculture, grass cutting, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations, being a vehicle which is—

(i) the property of a person engaged in agriculture or forestry or of a contractor engaged in the business of carrying out on farms or forestry estates any such operations as aforesaid;

(ii) not constructed or adapted for the conveyance of a load other than—

(a) water, fuel, accumulators and other equipment used for the purpose of propulsion, loose tools and loose equipment;

(a) 1955, c. 27.

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956; No. 149.

- (b) a load (consisting of goods or burden of a description referred to in subsection (2) of section 10 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959(a), in or on any appliance which satisfies the conditions whereby the vehicle to which the said appliance is fitted does not, by virtue of the said section 10 and of any regulations made from time to time thereunder, become chargeable with duty as a goods vehicle; and
- (c) an implement fitted to the tractor and used for work on the land on farms or forestry estates in connection with any such operations as aforesaid;”;

(2) after Regulation 3 there were added the following Regulation:—

“3A.—(1) In relation to a land tractor which complies with the conditions specified in paragraph (3)—

- (a) Regulations 6, 10, 16, 27 and 28 shall not apply;
- (b) Regulation 14 shall apply as it applies in relation to a works truck;
- (c) Regulation 36 shall not apply if its unladen weight does not exceed three tons.

(2) Regulation 26 shall apply in relation to a land tractor which is a heavy motor car or motor car as it applies in relation to a land tractor which is a motor tractor.

(3) The conditions referred to in paragraph (1) are, that while a land tractor is used on a road—

- (a) it does not haul any object except—
 - (i) a land implement which is being hauled to or from the site of agricultural grass cutting, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations, or from one part of a farm or forestry estate to another part of that farm or forestry estate;
 - (ii) a land implement conveyer which is being hauled as aforesaid, and
 - (iii) an agricultural trailer;
- (b) it does not carry any load except any such load as it is constructed or adapted to carry;
- (c) if it is a land tractor carrying a load in or on a removable appliance in conformity with the foregoing conditions, it does not draw a trailer and not more than one such appliance is fitted to it at any one time or, in a case where one such appliance is a specified appliance for the purposes of paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 10 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959, not more than two of such appliances, fitted at opposite ends of the land tractor;
- (d) it is not driven at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.”;

(3) in Regulation 6, the words “land tractor” were omitted;

(4) at the end of Regulation 9, there were added the following proviso:—

“Provided that in the case of a vehicle, the unladen weight of which does not exceed three tons, which is propelled by an internal combustion

engine and fitted with a braking system embodying a vacuum reservoir or reservoirs, the vacuum therein being derived directly from the induction system of the engine, it shall not be necessary to provide such a warning device if, in the event of a failure or deficiency in the vacuum system the brakes of that braking system are sufficient under the most adverse conditions to bring the vehicle to rest within a reasonable distance.”;

(5) in Regulation 10, in paragraph (1) the words “a land tractor or” were omitted;

(6) in Regulation 14, sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) were omitted;

(7) in Regulation 16, for the words “a locomotive, or a land tractor” there were substituted the words “or a locomotive”;

(8) in Regulation 68, in sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (3), after the words “land implement” there were inserted the words “or land implement conveyor”.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 25th day of July, nineteen hundred and sixty, 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.)

These Regulations are primarily designed to legalize, subject to certain conditions, the use on roads of track laying agricultural tractors fitted with transport boxes or “link boxes”, which the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1959, exempts from goods vehicle duty.

The Regulations also make other amendments of a minor or technical nature to the general Use and Construction Regulations dealing with braking systems, etc.