

(7) New provision is made restricting the use of vehicles carrying wide or long loads or vehicles carrying loads or having fixed appliances or apparatus which project (Regulation 11). The restrictions, generally, are:—

- (a) that a load shall not be carried if the width of the vehicle together with any lateral projection of its load exceeds 20 feet, or if the length of a vehicle together with any forward or rearward projection of its load, or of vehicles carrying a load together with any forward or rearward projection thereof, exceeds 90 feet, and
- (b) where the length of a vehicle together with any forward or rearward projection of its load or of vehicles carrying a load together with any forward or rearward projection thereof exceeds 60 feet, or where the length of a combination of vehicles used for carrying a load and any forward or rearward projection thereof exceeds 85 feet, or where loads or fixed appliances or apparatus project forwards or rearwards from a vehicle by more than a specified distance, the vehicle or vehicles shall not be used unless one or more conditions are complied with.

The conditions, which are specified in the Third Schedule (set out in Regulation 13) consist of requiring notice to be given to the police, of requiring the presence of at least one person in addition to the driver to attend to the vehicle and any load, and of requiring the special marking of projections which exceed a specified width or length.

Exceptions from the new requirements are provided for in the case of vehicles used for police or emergency purposes.

(8) New provision is made requiring that implements suspended from lifting appliances fitted to a vehicle shall be secured so as to avoid danger or the likelihood of danger to other persons on the vehicle or on the road (Regulation 12).

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## ROAD VEHICLES

### Lighting

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST JULY, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER PART IV OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1934, AND PART IV OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part IV of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1934(a), and Part IV of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(b), and of all other powers enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

#### *Commencement and Citation*

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st September, 1964, and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Long Vehicles and Trailers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963.

(a) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 15 (N.I.).

(b) 1955. c. 27.

*Interpretation*

2. In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“front corner marker lamp”, in relation to a trailer, means a lamp showing a white light to the side and front of the trailer through an arc extending ninety degrees forward from a line at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the trailer and complying with the provisions of Regulations 12 and 13;

“passenger vehicle” means a motor vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver;

“side marker lamp”, in relation to a vehicle, means a lamp showing a white light to the side of the vehicle through an arc extending a minimum of seventy degrees forward from a line at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and a red light to the side through an arc extending a minimum of seventy degrees rearward from that line and complying with the provisions of Regulations 12 and 13.

*Vehicles to which Regulations do not apply*

3. These Regulations shall not apply to—

- (a) any vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom provided that it complies in every respect with the requirements as to lighting equipment and reflectors relating thereto contained in Part II of Annex 6 to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on the 19th September, 1949(a), or
- (b) any combination of two or more vehicles one of which is drawing the other or others, if the combination includes a vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom which complies in every respect with the said requirements relating thereto contained in Part II of the said Annex.

*Carriage and position of side marker lamps on certain vehicles*

4. Subject to the provisions of Regulation 6, where the length of a vehicle, or the overall length of two or more vehicles, one of which is drawing the other or others, inclusive of any load on the vehicle or vehicles, exceeds sixty feet, the vehicle or vehicles shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry side marker lamps in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation.

5. At each side of the vehicle or vehicles and attached to the vehicle or vehicles or the load, if any, carried thereby there shall be carried the following side marker lamps, that is to say,—

- (a) one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is more than thirty feet from the foremost part of the vehicle or vehicles (in either case inclusive of the load, if any, carried);
- (b) one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is more than ten feet from the rearmost part of the vehicle or vehicles (in either case inclusive of the load, if any, carried); and

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(a) Cmd. 578 and also Treaty Series No. 49 (1958).

- (c) such other lamps between the lamps mentioned in paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) in such positions as will ensure that the distance between the nearest part of the illuminated area of any one side marker lamp and the nearest part of the illuminated area of the side marker lamp next thereto is not more than ten feet.

*Exceptions to Regulation 4*

6. The provisions of Regulation 4 shall not apply—

- (a) to a combination of vehicles where any vehicle in that combination being drawn has broken down; or
- (b) to a vehicle (not being one of a combination of vehicles)—
- (i) having a special appliance or apparatus of a kind specified in paragraph (5) of Regulation 89A of the Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1956(a), as amended(b); or
- (ii) carrying a load of a kind specified in paragraph (6), (7) or (8) of the said Regulation 89A,

if the conditions specified in paragraph 3 (which provides for the special marking of projections from vehicles) of the Third Schedule to the said Regulations are complied with in relation to the special appliance or apparatus or load as if the said conditions had been expressed in the said Regulation 89A to apply in the case of every special appliance or apparatus or load of a kind specified in the said paragraph (5), (6), (7) or (8).

*Carriage and position of side marker lamps on certain other vehicles*

7. When a combination of two or more vehicles, being a motor vehicle and a trailer or trailers, carries a supported load and the overall length of the vehicles, inclusive of that load, exceeds forty feet but does not exceed sixty feet the vehicles shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry side marker lamps in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation.

In this and the next succeeding Regulation the expression “supported load” means a load supported by any two of the vehicles forming part of such a combination but does not include a load carried by an articulated vehicle as defined in Regulation 3(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956.

8. At each side of the vehicles and attached to the vehicles or the supported load there shall be carried the following side marker lamps, that is to say—

- (a) one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is forward of, or more than five feet to the rear of, the rearmost part of the motor vehicle; and
- (b) if the supported load extends rearwards more than thirty feet beyond the rearmost part of the motor vehicle, one lamp in such a position that no part of its illuminated area is forward of, or more than five feet to the rear of, the centre point of the overall length of that load.

*Carriage and position of front corner and side marker lamps on trailers*

9.—(1) Every trailer not forming part of a combination of vehicles to which

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 134.

(b) The relevant amending instrument is S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 148.

the provisions of Regulation 4 or 7 apply shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry—

- (a) subject to the provisions of Regulation 11, two front corner marker lamps in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation; and
  - (b) if the trailer has an overall length of more than thirty feet, on each side of the trailer a side marker lamp in such a position that no part of the illuminated area is forward of, or more than five feet to the rear of, the centre point of the overall length of the trailer.
- (2) For the purposes of this Regulation, in reckoning the overall length of a trailer its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof shall be disregarded.

**10.**—(1) The two front corner marker lamps mentioned in the last preceding Regulation shall be carried one on each side of the longitudinal axis of the trailer and attached to the trailer in such a position that—

- (a) no part of the illuminated area of either lamp is more than five feet behind the foremost part of the trailer;
- (b) subject to the provisions of the next paragraph, no part of the trailer on the same side thereof as that on which such a lamp is carried projects outwards more than twelve inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of the illuminated area of the lamp; and
- (c) no part of the trailer obscures the light required to be shown by such a lamp in accordance with Regulation 2.

(2) Where a front marker lamp is attached to a trailer so that—

- (a) its illuminated area is more than three feet but not more than five feet behind the foremost part of the trailer and no part of that area is more than five feet from the ground; and
- (b) no part of the trailer on the same side thereof as that on which the lamp is carried, being a part which is below a height of five feet from the ground and to the front of the illuminated area of the lamp, projects outwards more than twelve inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of that illuminated area,

then the position of that lamp may be such that any other part of the trailer on that side may project outwards by not more than twenty inches beyond a vertical line through the nearest part of the said illuminated area.

(3) For the purposes of this Regulation, in ascertaining the foremost part of a trailer there shall be disregarded its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof and so much of the part (if any) of the trailer as is more than five feet from the ground.

#### *Exceptions to Regulation 9*

**11.**—(1) The provisions of sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 9 shall not apply to—

- (a) a trailer the overall length of which, excluding its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof, does not exceed seven feet six inches;
- (b) a trailer being drawn by a passenger vehicle or a dual-purpose vehicle, if the overall length of such a combination, inclusive of any load on the vehicles, does not exceed forty feet;

- (c) a trailer carrying lamps showing a white light to the front by virtue of proviso (i) to sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1934; or
- (d) a broken down vehicle which is being drawn by another vehicle.

(2) Nothing in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 9 or in Regulation 10 shall require a trailer to carry a front corner marker lamp on a side of the trailer, if on the same side thereof a lamp showing a white light to the front is being carried by virtue of proviso (ii) to sub-section (1) of section 37 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1934.

*Character of front corner and side marker lamps*

12.—(1) Every front corner marker lamp and every side marker lamp shall be—

- (a) kept properly lighted and in a clean and efficient condition;
- (b) visible from a reasonable distance to a person facing the lamp and in a position being on a line passing through the lamp and at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle by which it is being carried; and
- (c) carried so that the highest part of the illuminated area of any such lamp is not more than five feet from the ground:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle carrying an abnormal indivisible load or a combination of vehicles carrying such a load under an Order made by the Ministry under sub-section (3) of section 5 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955, any such lamp may be carried so that the highest part of its illuminated area is not more than seven feet six inches from the ground.

(2) Every front corner marker lamp and every side marker lamp which is illuminated by electricity shall be—

- (a) connected to an electrical supply forming an integral part of the electrical system of the motor vehicle or trailer;
- (b) fitted with a bulb or bulbs the power or total power of which shall not exceed seven watts and on which the wattage shall be indelibly marked upon the glass or metal cap thereof;
- (c) fitted with frosted glass or other material which has the effect of diffusing light.

13.—(1) Every front corner marker lamp shall, if circular, have an illuminated area of not less than one inch in diameter or, if not circular, have an illuminated area of not less than the area of a circle of one inch in diameter.

(2) Every side marker lamp shall, if circular, have an illuminated area through which a white light is displayed and an illuminated area through which a red light is displayed in each case of not less than one inch in diameter or, if not circular, have an illuminated area through which a white light is displayed and an illuminated area through which a red light is displayed in each case of not less than the area of a circle of one inch in diameter.

In this Regulation the expression "illuminated area" means, in relation to a lamp, the area of the orthogonal projection on a vertical plane at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle of that part of the lamp through which the light is emitted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 31st day of July, 1963, in the presence of

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J. W. E. Cathcart,  
Assistant Secretary.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations require as from the 1st September, 1964, the carriage at night by certain long vehicles or combinations of vehicles and by trailers of additional lamps which are to show a light to the side. These additional lamps are referred to in the Regulations as "front corner marker lamps" and "side marker lamps" and these terms are defined in Regulation 2. The principal provisions are:—

1. Vehicles, or combinations of vehicles, which, inclusive of load, exceed sixty feet in length must, subject to the exceptions in Regulation 6, carry side marker lamps in specified positions (Regulations 4, 5).

2. Combinations of a towing vehicle and a trailer or trailers carrying a supported load which, inclusive of load, exceed forty feet but do not exceed sixty feet in length must carry side marker lamps in specified positions (Regulations 7, 8).

3. Trailers (not forming part of a combination of vehicles on which side marker lamps are required to be carried) must, subject to the exceptions in Regulation 11, carry front corner marker lamps. If they exceed thirty feet in length, side marker lamps must also be carried (Regulation 9).

4. Front corner and side marker lamps must comply with the conditions laid down in Regulations 12 and 13.