

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for Northern Ireland this 16th day of August 1967.

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H. A. Lowry,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations add to the National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960 provisions enabling the effects of emphysema or chronic bronchitis to be treated as if they were the effects of pneumoconiosis when the extent of a person's disablement resulting from pneumoconiosis or from pneumoconiosis accompanied by tuberculosis would, if his physical condition were otherwise normal, be assessed at not less than fifty per cent.

The regulations also contain transitional provisions relating to certain assessments made before the date when these regulations come into operation.

1967. No. 224

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PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION)

REGULATIONS, DATED 17TH AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER PART II OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1926 AND SECTIONS 4 AND 72 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955.

The Ministry of Home Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland) 1926(a) and Sections 4 and 72 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(b) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on the 16th October 1967.

Regulations Revoked

2. The Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962(c).

Regulations Amended

3. The Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(d) shall be amended as follows:—

(a) 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 31 (N.I.).
(b) 1955. c. 27.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1962, No. 239.
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 91.

(1) For Regulation 7 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

“Turning Circle

7. Every vehicle shall be so constructed as to be capable of turning in either direction in a circle which, traced at ground level by a vertical line passing through any part of the vehicle included in the overall length and overall width of the vehicle does not exceed in diameter 65 feet in the case of a vehicle not exceeding 27 feet in overall length, 71 feet in the case of a vehicle exceeding 27 feet and not exceeding 36 feet in overall length and 78 feet in the case of a vehicle exceeding 36 feet in overall length.”

Fuel Tanks, Carburettors, Shut-Off Devices

(2) In Regulation 17—

(a) in paragraph (1) after the words “in accordance with condition (b)” there shall be inserted “or (bb)”;

(b) for paragraph (2) of Regulation 17 there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(2) In the case of a single-decked vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers—

(a) if the vehicle is registered before the 1st January 1968, no fuel tank shall be placed immediately under any entrance or exit and no filling point for such a tank shall be under or immediately adjacent to any entrance or exit; and

(b) if the vehicle is registered on or after the 1st January 1968, no fuel tank shall be placed immediately under any entrance or exit or within one foot of any entrance or exit and no filling point for such a tank shall be situated at the rear of the vehicle.”

(3) In Regulation 18—

(a) in paragraph (3) for the words “or fuel injection pump” there shall be substituted the words “or in the case of a fuel injection pump, to the injection nozzles”;

(b) in paragraph (3), sub-paragraph (a), for the words “a compression ignition engine” there shall be substituted the words “an engine having a fuel injection system”.

(4) For Regulation 21 there shall be substituted the following Regulations:—

“Artificial Lighting

21. Every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(a) Adequate artificial lighting shall be provided for the illumination of every deck with a permanent top. At least one lamp shall be provided as near as is practicable to the top of every staircase leading to an upper deck without a permanent top:

Provided that it shall not be necessary to keep lighted any lamp on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle when a barrier is secured across the bottom of all staircases leading to the upper deck so as effectively to prevent passengers using the upper deck.

(b) Adequate artificial lighting shall be provided for any step or platform forming part of any entrance or exit other than an emergency exit:

- (c) The lighting circuits shall be so arranged that an electrical failure of any lighting sub-circuit shall not be capable of extinguishing all the lights on any deck:

Provided that this condition shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before the 1st January 1968.

Electrical Equipment

21A. Every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

- (a) All electrical apparatus and circuits shall be so constructed and installed as to guard against the risk of electric shock or the outbreak of fire.
- (b) In every electrical circuit, other than a high-tension ignition circuit, in which the voltage exceeds 50 volts, a manually-operated isolating switch shall be connected in each pole of the main circuit and shall be located in a position readily accessible to the driver or conductor."

Number and Position of Entrances and Exits

(5) In Regulation 26—

- (a) after condition (b) of paragraph (1) there shall be inserted the following condition:—

"(bb) Where in respect of a single-decked vehicle registered on or after the 1st January 1968, and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle so registered, the seating capacity in either case exceeds 45 passengers, condition (b) shall not apply, but an additional exit shall be provided which is so placed that the distance between lines drawn at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the centres of such an exit and one of the two exits provided in accordance with condition (a) at gangway level shall be not less than 15 feet.";

- (b) in paragraph (2) at the end of sub-paragraph (b) there shall be added the following words:—

"except that the provisions of this sub-paragraph shall not apply in the case of such a vehicle registered on or after the 1st January 1968, unless the fuel tank is forward of the rear wheels."

Width of Entrances and Exits

(6) In proviso (2) to Regulation 27 after the words "in accordance with condition (b)" there shall be inserted "or (bb)".

Emergency Exits

(7) In Regulation 30—

- (a) for sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(b) be fitted with doors which open outwards."

- (b) in the proviso to sub-paragraph (d) of condition (2) after the words "in accordance with condition (b)" there shall be inserted "or (bb)";

- (c) in each of the provisos (i) and (ii) to condition (3) after the words "in accordance with condition (b)" there shall be inserted "or (bb)".

Access to Exits

(8) In Regulation 31 after proviso (b) of paragraph (1) there shall be added the following proviso:—

"or

- (c) seats on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle when a barrier is secured across the bottom of all staircases leading to the upper deck so as effectively to prevent passengers using the upper deck."

Height of Gangways

(9) In Regulation 33—

- (a) at the end of condition (d) of paragraph (1) there shall be added the following words "in such manner as to incommode the driver or cause his view of the road to the front of the vehicle or to the sides thereof to be restricted";
- (b) in paragraph (2) there shall be added after the words "of paragraph (1) shall" the words "in the case of the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle registered on or after the 1st January 1968, extend throughout the gangway and in any other case".

Overall Length

(10) For Regulation 51 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"51. The overall length of a vehicle shall not exceed 12 metres:

Provided that no person who has received written notice from the Ministry that any road is unsuitable for the use of a vehicle the overall length of which exceeds 30 feet shall use or permit to be used any such vehicle on any such road."

Overall Width

(11) For Regulation 53 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"53. The overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 2.5 metres:

Provided that no person who has received written notice from the Ministry that any road is unsuitable for the use of a vehicle the overall width of which exceeds 8 feet shall use or permit to be used any such vehicle on any such road."

Luggage

(12) In Regulation 77 the words "with a doorless opening thereto" shall be deleted.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 17th day of August 1967, in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. G. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960 to bring them closer into line with those already in force in Great Britain. The maximum permitted overall length of a public service vehicle is increased from 11 metres to 12 metres

(Regulation 3(10)), with a consequential increase in the diameter of turning circles (Regulation 3(1)). Other changes are those relating to the positioning of fuel tanks (Regulation 3(2)), the provision of artificial lighting (Regulation 3(4)), the number and positioning of entrances and exits (Regulation 3(5)) and the access to exits (Regulation 3(8)).

The Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1962 have been revoked and re-enacted with amendments in these Regulations.

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FACTORIES

Prescribed Dangerous Machines

ORDER, DATED 18TH AUGUST 1967, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES UNDER SECTION 22 OF THE FACTORIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1965.

The Ministry of Health and Social Services in exercise of powers conferred by section 22(2) of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Factories (Prescribed Dangerous Machines) Order (Northern Ireland) 1967 and shall come into operation on 4th September 1967.

(2) The Factories (Dangerous Machines—Training of Young Persons) Order (Northern Ireland) 1939(b) is hereby revoked.

2. The Machines specified in the Schedule are hereby prescribed as being machines which in the opinion of the Ministry of Health and Social Services are of such a dangerous character that young persons ought not to work at them unless the requirements of section 22(1) of the Act are complied with.

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(L.S.)

J. E. Aiken,

Assistant Secretary.

(a) 1965. c. 20 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1939, No. 54.