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MOTOR VEHICLES: AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 5(3) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Commencement and Citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on 1st January 1969, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1968.

Revocation

2. The Orders specified in Schedule 1 are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:—

“Inspector General” means the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

“Track Laying Regulations” means the Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(b);

“Construction and Use Regulations” means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(c);

“the Ministry” means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland;

“articulated vehicle”, “land locomotive”, “land tractor”, “overall length”, “overall width”, “overhang”, “pedestrian controlled vehicle”, “registered”, “straddle carrier”, “track laying” and “wheeled” have the same meanings respectively as in the Construction and Use Regulations.

(2) In so far as any consent, notice, indemnity or dispensation given or any other thing done under a provision of any of the Orders revoked by this Order could have been given or done under a corresponding provision of this Order it shall not be invalidated by the revocation effected by Article 2 of this Order but shall have effect as if given or done under that corresponding provision.

(a) 1955. c. 27.

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

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 75.

Speed limits

4. Nothing in this Order relating to the speed of vehicles shall be taken to authorise any speed which is in excess of any other speed limit imposed by or under any enactment.

PART II

MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES

Track laying vehicles

5. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of track laying motor vehicles and track laying trailers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) a vehicle shall be used only for the purpose of—
 - (i) demonstration, or
 - (ii) enabling it to proceed to the nearest suitable railway station for conveyance to a port for shipment or to proceed to a port for shipment from a place in the immediate vicinity of that port where suitable railway facilities are not available;
- (b) before a vehicle is so used the consent of every road authority or every person responsible for the maintenance and repair of any road on which it is proposed that the vehicle shall be used shall in each case be obtained in writing; and
- (c) a vehicle shall not be used for the carriage of goods or burden for hire or reward.

Naval, military, air force and aviation vehicles

6. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of the vehicles specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations respectively specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the said Schedule, subject to the vehicles being the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the persons respectively specified opposite thereto in Column 3 of the said Schedule.

Vehicles used in connection with the saving of life at sea

7. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of track laying motor vehicles and track laying trailers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the vehicles being used only for drawing or in connection with the launching of lifeboats the property of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Grass cutting machines and hedge trimmers

8. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of motor tractors constructed or adapted for use as grass cutters or hedge trimmers (not, in either case, being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian) notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with Regulation 27 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects the vehicle and also subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the overall width of a vehicle, except when it is actually engaged in grass cutting or hedge trimming operations, must not exceed 7 feet 6 inches; and
- (b) except when a vehicle is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, all cutting or trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person.

9. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of hedge trimmers being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the requirements of Regulations 14(1), 18, 19(1), 63, 68, 70(1), 72, 73, 74 and 92 of the said Regulations, so far as applicable, must be complied with as respects a vehicle;
- (b) the unladen weight of a vehicle must not exceed 8 hundredweight;
- (c) the overall width of a vehicle, except when it is actually engaged in hedge trimming operations, must not exceed 7 feet 6 inches; and
- (d) except when a vehicle is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, all trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person.

10. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of trailers constructed or adapted for use as grass cutters or hedge trimmers notwithstanding that such trailers do not comply in all respects with such of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as apply to trailers, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) the requirements of Regulations 69 and 72 of the said Regulations, so far as they apply to trailers, must be complied with;
- (b) the unladen weight of such a trailer must not exceed—
 - (i) 1 ton, if drawn by a locomotive, a motor tractor or a heavy motor car, or
 - (ii) 16 hundredweight, in any other case;
- (c) the overall width of the motor vehicle by which such a trailer is drawn and, except when it is actually engaged in grass cutting or hedge trimming operations, the overall width of such a trailer must not exceed 8 feet 6 inches;
- (d) except when such a trailer is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, where it is being drawn in such a manner that its longitudinal axis and that of the drawing vehicle are parallel but lie in different vertical planes, the width of road occupied by both vehicles must not exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the width aforesaid shall be taken as a distance equivalent to the distance which, if both vehicles were treated as if they were one vehicle at a time when the one is drawing the other in the manner aforesaid, would fall to be measured as its overall width;

- (e) except when such a trailer is actually engaged in such operations as aforesaid, all cutting or trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the trailer must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person; and
- (f) such a trailer must not be drawn at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour;

- (g) the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicators and Stop Lights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968(d), in so far as they apply to trailers, must be complied with.

Rotary ploughs

11. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of land locomotives specially designed and constructed as rotary ploughs notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 20 and 21 of the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 11 feet 6 inches;
- (b) the unladen weight of a vehicle shall not exceed 26 tons;
- (c) no vehicle shall draw a trailer other than a living van or a trailer or trailers carrying the necessary gear and equipment of or fuel for the vehicle;
- (d) where a vehicle exceeds 8 feet in overall width, and
 - (i) is not drawing a trailer, three persons inclusive of the driver or drivers shall be in attendance upon it, one of whom shall whenever necessary by reason of the width of the road or otherwise proceed at a reasonable distance in front of the vehicle and another of whom shall whenever so necessary as aforesaid proceed at a reasonable distance behind the vehicle in each case to give warning to other traffic on the road, or
 - (ii) is drawing one or more trailers, two persons shall drive or attend the vehicle and in addition at least one person shall be in attendance upon each trailer and such person or one of such persons in attendance upon the trailer or trailers as the case may be shall whenever necessary by reason of the width of the road or otherwise proceed at a reasonable distance behind the trailer or rearmost trailer to give warning to other traffic on the road;
- (e) save in so far as the Inspector General dispenses with any of the requirements contained in this and the following paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, and save in so far as the road authority for any road on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle on that road, with any of the said requirements, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on a road for a journey exceeding 5 miles, shall give at least four clear days' notice (excluding Sundays and public holidays) to the Inspector General and the road authority for any such road as aforesaid;
- (f) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey; and
- (g) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which the owner may be directed to make by the Inspector General, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the last foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid:

Provided that if, by reason of adverse weather conditions or other special circumstances, the surface of any road comprised in the route

of the proposed journey is abnormally susceptible to damage the road authority for that road may require the owner of the vehicle to postpone that journey until such time as they notify him that the journey may be undertaken and in such a case the vehicle shall not be used for the purpose of making the journey until that time.

Vehicles used for experiments or trials

12. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of vehicles in or in connection with the conduct of experiments or trials under section 13 of the Roads Improvement Act (Northern Ireland) 1928(e), as amended by section 28 of the Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1948(f), notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations.

Straddle carriers

13. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of straddle carriers, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulations 8, 9(2)(b)(ii), 31, 32, 33(4), (5) and (6) and 66 (other than those in paragraph (1)(a) thereof) of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) a vehicle shall not be used otherwise than for the purpose of demonstration or in the course of delivery on sale or when proceeding to or returning from a manufacturer or repairer for the purpose of repair or overhaul and, when so used, shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment:

Provided that a vehicle which does not comply with the said Regulation 32 may, if it complies with the said Regulations 8 and 31, be used whether laden or unladen in passing from one part of any private premises to any other part thereof or to other private premises in the immediate neighbourhood;

- (b) no vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;
(c) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches;
(d) no vehicle shall be used if the overall length of the vehicle or where the vehicle is carrying a load, if the overall length of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 30 feet except with the consent of the Inspector General.

For the purposes of this and the following sub-paragraph the expressions "forward projection" and "rearward projection" have the same meanings respectively as in Regulation 91 of the Construction and Use Regulations and the provisions of paragraph (e) of the said Regulation 91 shall apply accordingly; and

- (e) save in so far as the Inspector General dispenses with any of the requirements contained in this paragraph, the owner of the vehicle shall, not less than two clear days (excluding Sundays and public holidays) before the day on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used, apply to the Inspector General for his consent to the use of the vehicle, and shall, when making the application, furnish to him particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall length, of the length of any forward projection or rearward projection of any load proposed to be carried, and of the roads on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used.

Land tractors used for reaping and threshing

14. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of land tractors constructed for the combined purpose of reaping and threshing notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 27 and 28 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) no vehicle shall draw a trailer other than a two-wheeled trailer used solely for the carriage of the necessary gear and equipment of the vehicle;
- (b) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 14 feet;
- (c) where the overall width of a vehicle—
 - (i) exceeds 9 feet 6 inches but does not exceed 11 feet, one person in addition to the driver shall be in attendance, or
 - (ii) exceeds 11 feet, two persons in addition to the driver shall be in attendance, one of whom shall whenever necessary proceed at a reasonable distance in front of the vehicle and the other of whom shall whenever necessary proceed at a reasonable distance behind the vehicle, in each case to give warning to other traffic on the road;
- (d) no vehicle the overall width of which exceeds 11 feet shall travel at a speed exceeding 5 miles per hour and no other vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour;
- (e) all cutting blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person;
- (f) the three following paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches;
- (g) save in so far as the Inspector General dispenses with any of the requirements contained in this and the following paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on a road for a journey exceeding 5 miles, shall give at least twenty-four hours' notice to the Inspector General;
- (h) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey; and
- (i) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which the owner may be directed to make by the Inspector General, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid.

Mechanically propelled hay and straw balers

15. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of motor tractors constructed for the purpose of picking up, baling and binding hay or straw notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulation 28 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those Regulations are complied with as respects a vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 8 feet;
- (b) the overhang of a vehicle shall not exceed 8 feet; and
- (c) no vehicle shall travel on a road at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour.

Vehicles for moving excavated material

16. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of moveable plant or equipment (other than engineering plant as defined in Article 19 of this Order) being a heavy motor car, trailer or articulated vehicle specially designed and constructed for use in private premises for the primary purpose of moving excavated material and fitted with a tipping body, moving platform or other similar device for discharging its load, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of that purpose, comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) a vehicle shall only be used in proceeding to and from private premises or between private premises and a port in either direction and shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment;
- (b) a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle shall not draw any trailer;
- (c) where a trailer is drawn by a motor vehicle the motor vehicle shall not draw any other trailer;
- (d) in the case of a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 8, 9(2)(b)(ii), 31, 33(4), (5) and (6), 35, 58, 62 and 66 (with the exception of paragraph (1)(a) thereof) shall apply;
- (e) in the case of a trailer not forming part of an articulated vehicle all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 8, 48, 49, 53 and 66 (with the exception of paragraph (1)(a) thereof) shall, subject as provided in paragraph (h) of this Article, apply;
- (f) in the case of an articulated vehicle all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 6(1), 8, 9(2)(b)(ii), 31, 33(4), (5) and (6), 35, 49, 53, 58, 59, 61, 62 and 66 (with the exception of paragraph (1)(a) thereof) shall, subject as provided in paragraph (h) of this Article, apply;
- (g) in the case of a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle and in the case of an articulated vehicle the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely shall not exceed 15 tons and the sum of the weights so transmitted by all the wheels shall not exceed 25 tons;
- (h) in the case of a trailer, whether or not forming part of an articulated vehicle, sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) or paragraph (2) of Regulation 50 of the Construction and Use Regulations shall not apply if the trailer is equipped with an efficient brake or with suitable scotches or similar devices to hold it stationary when necessary;
- (i) the overall length of a trailer shall not exceed 28 feet and the overall length of an articulated vehicle shall not exceed 44 feet;
- (j) no vehicle the overall width of which exceeds 9 feet 6 inches shall travel at a speed exceeding 8 miles per hour and no other vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;
- (k) every wheel of the vehicle shall be equipped with a pneumatic tyre;
- (l) where the overall width of a vehicle exceeds 9 feet 6 inches at least two persons, or where the overall width of a vehicle exceeds 8 feet but does not exceed 9 feet 6 inches, at least one person, in addition to the person or persons employed as respects a motor vehicle in driving that vehicle, shall be employed in attending to that vehicle and any load carried thereby and any trailer drawn by that vehicle and any load carried on the trailer and to give warning to the driver

of the said motor vehicle and to any other person of any danger likely to be caused to any such other person by reason of the presence of the vehicle or the vehicle and trailer on the road;

- (m) the three following paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches;
- (n) save in so far as the Inspector General dispenses with any of the requirements contained in this and the following paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on any road, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays and public holidays) to the Inspector General;
- (o) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey;
- (p) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by the Inspector General, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid;
- (q) the four following paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle in respect of which any of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the weights of vehicles whether laden or unladen or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels is not complied with or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as respects any or all of the vehicles comprised in the combination is not complied with.

For the purposes of this paragraph the reference to a combination of vehicles shall be construed in the same manner as is provided in Regulation 91(g) of the Construction and Use Regulations for the purposes of Regulation 92 thereof;

- (r) save in so far as the road authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays and public holidays) as provided by the following paragraph to the road authority for any such road and to the bridge authority for any such bridge;
- (s) the notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part II of Schedule 3 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) thereof shall apply as respects any such notice;
- (t) before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the road authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity as provided by the following paragraph; and
- (u) the indemnity referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall be in the form specified in Part III of Schedule 3 and the provisions of Article 28(6) thereof shall apply as respects any such indemnity.

Motor vehicles and trailers constructed for use outside Northern Ireland and new or improved types of motor vehicles and trailers constructed for tests or trials and motor vehicles and trailers equipped with new or improved equipment, or types of equipment

17.—(1) This Article applies to wheeled motor vehicles and trailers not falling within any description of motor vehicle or trailer specified in Article 20 or 21 of this Order and references in this Article to motor vehicles and trailers shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The Ministry authorises the use on roads—

- (A) of motor vehicles and trailers, or types of motor vehicles and trailers, constructed for use outside Northern Ireland and of new or improved types of motor vehicles and trailers constructed for tests or trials notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, and
- (B) of motor vehicles and trailers equipped with new or improved equipment or types of equipment notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with such of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as cannot, by reason only of the said equipment, be complied with,

subject, in all cases, to the following restrictions and conditions:—

(a) no vehicle shall be used otherwise than—

- (i) for or in connection with the testing or demonstration of the vehicle, or
 - (ii) in the course of delivery on sale, or
 - (iii) for proceeding to or returning from a manufacturer or repairer for the purpose of construction, repair or overhaul;
- (b) a vehicle shall comply with Regulations 5, 9, 14, 17, 63, 65, 66(1)(a), 67, and 69 to 71 (inclusive) of the Construction and Use Regulations and Regulations 72 to 79 (inclusive), 81 to 86 (inclusive), 88, 90 to 92 (inclusive), 94 and 95 of the said Regulations shall apply thereto;
- (c) no vehicle shall be used for the carriage of any load other than its necessary gear or equipment or such apparatus or ballast as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out a test or trial of that vehicle;
- (d) the three following sub-paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle of which the overall width exceeds 9 feet 6 inches or of a vehicle which has an overall length exceeding that specified by any provision of Regulation 6 or 48 of the Construction and Use Regulations as the maximum length for that vehicle;
- (e) save in so far as the Inspector General dispenses with any of the requirements contained in this and the following sub-paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, before using it on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays and public holidays) to the Inspector General;
- (f) the notice referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width and overall length, of the width and length of any load proposed to be carried, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey;
- (g) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by the Inspector General, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing sub-paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width and overall length of the

vehicle and the width and length of any load carried thereon do not exceed the width and length of which particulars have been given as aforesaid;

- (h) the four following sub-paragraphs shall apply to the use of a vehicle in respect of which any of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the weights of vehicles whether laden or unladen or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels is not complied with or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as respects any or all of the vehicles comprised in the combination is not complied with.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph the reference to a combination of vehicles shall be construed in the same manner as is provided in Regulation 91(g) of the Construction and Use Regulations for the purposes of Regulation 92 thereof;

- (i) save in so far as the road authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this sub-paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following sub-paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays and public holidays) as provided by the following sub-paragraph to the road authority for any such road and to the bridge authority for any such bridge;
- (j) the notice referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part II of Schedule 3 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) thereof shall apply as respects any such notice;
- (k) before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the road authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity as provided by the following sub-paragraph; and
- (l) the indemnity referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph shall be in the form specified in Part III of Schedule 3 to this Order and the provisions of Article 28(6) thereof shall apply as respects any such indemnity.

Vehicles fitted with moveable platforms

18.—(1) The Ministry authorises the use on roads of a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform notwithstanding that the vehicle does not comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulations 5, 6, 7, 22, 27, 28, 31, 32, 36, 37 or 92 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the condition that all other relevant requirements of those regulations are complied with as respects the vehicle and also subject to the following restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) no vehicle shall be used on a road unless its special equipment is fully retracted except when the vehicle is at a place where it is being used to facilitate overhead working,
- (b) any jacks with which the vehicle is fitted for stabilising it while the moveable platform is in use and which project from the sides of the vehicle shall be clearly visible to persons using the road within a reasonable distance of the vehicle, and

- (c) the vehicle, except in respect of its special equipment when the vehicle is at a place where it is being used to facilitate overhead working, shall—
- (i) as respects its overall length, comply with Regulation 6 of the said Regulations,
 - (ii) as respects its overall width, comply with Regulation 22, 27, 31 or 36 (as the case may be) of the said Regulations,
 - (iii) in the case of a vehicle other than a locomotive, as respects its overhang, comply with Regulation 28, 32 or 37 (as the case may be) of the said Regulations.

(2) In this Article the expression “moveable platform” means a platform which is attached to, and may be moved by means of, an extensible boom, and the expression “special equipment” means a moveable platform, the apparatus for moving the platform and any jacks fitted to the vehicle for stabilising it while the moveable platform is in use.

PART III

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOADS, ENGINEERING PLANT AND OTHER VEHICLES CARRYING WIDE LOADS

Interpretation

19. In this Part of the Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say—

“abnormal indivisible load” means a load—

- (a) which cannot without undue expense or risk of damage be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of carriage on roads, and
- (b) which—
 - (i) owing to its dimensions, cannot be carried by a heavy motor car or trailer or a combination of a heavy motor car and trailer complying in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, or
 - (ii) owing to its weight, cannot be carried by a heavy motor car or trailer or a combination of a heavy motor car and trailer having a total laden weight of less than 24 tons and complying in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations;

“engineering plant” means—

- (a) moveable plant or equipment being a motor vehicle or trailer (not constructed primarily to carry a load) specially designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of those purposes, comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, or
- (b) a mobile crane which does not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations;

“special road” means a special road which is open for use as a special road;

“lateral projection”, “forward projection” and “rearward projection” have the same meanings respectively as in Regulation 91 of the Construction and Use Regulations and references in this Part of this Order to a special appliance or apparatus in relation to a vehicle, to a forward projection

or a rearward projection in relation to a vehicle, to the distance between vehicles in relation to vehicles carrying a load, and to a combination of vehicles in relation to a motor vehicle which is drawing one or more trailers, shall be construed respectively in the same manner as is provided in the said Regulation 91 for the purposes of Regulation 92 of the said Regulations, and the provisions of paragraphs (b), (e), (h), (i) and (j) of the said Regulation 91 shall apply for the purposes of this Part of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the said Regulations 91 and 92;

“tractor” means a motor tractor;

“locomotive” has the same meaning as in the Construction and Use Regulations.

Vehicles for carrying or drawing abnormal indivisible loads

20. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of heavy motor cars and trailers specially designed and constructed for the carriage of abnormal indivisible loads and of locomotives and tractors specially designed and constructed to draw trailers specially so designed and constructed notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Articles 23(1) and 29 and, in a case where Article 24, 25, 27 or 28 of this Order applies, to the restrictions and conditions contained in such of those Articles as are applicable to that case and, in any case, to the following further restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) a heavy motor car or trailer which does not comply with Part II of the Construction and Use Regulations shall be used only, save as provided in paragraph (p) of this Article, for or in connection with the carriage of an abnormal indivisible load;
- (b) a locomotive or tractor which does not comply with Part II of the Construction and Use Regulations shall be used only for or in connection with the drawing of trailers the use of which on roads is authorised by this Article;
- (c) in the case of a heavy motor car all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 8, 9(2)(b)(ii), 31, 33(4), (5) and (6), 34, 35, 58A, 60 to 62 (inclusive), 66 (with the exception of paragraph (1)(a) thereof) and 92 shall apply;
- (d) in the case of a trailer all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 6, 8, 12, 49, 50(2), 51 to 53 (inclusive), 57, 59 to 62 (inclusive), 66 (with the exception of paragraph (1)(a) thereof) and 92 shall, subject as provided in paragraph (e) of this Article, apply:

Provided that it shall not be necessary for a trailer constructed before 15th January 1931 to comply with Regulation 7 of the Construction and Use Regulations;

- (e) in the case of a trailer whether manufactured before 1st January 1968 or on or after that date, Regulation 50(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply as it applies to trailers manufactured before 1st January 1968;
- (f) in the case of a locomotive or tractor all the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations, other than Regulations 8, 22, 27, 57 and 60 shall apply;
- (g) the overall width of a heavy motor car shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches unless it is used for or in connection with the carriage of a load which can only safely be carried on a heavy motor car which exceeds that overall width;

- (h) the overall width of a locomotive or tractor shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches unless it is used for or in connection with the carriage of a load on a trailer which exceeds that overall width, being a load which can only be safely carried on such a trailer;
- (i) the overall width of a trailer shall not exceed 9 feet 6 inches unless it is drawn by a locomotive or tractor and is used for or in connection with the carriage of such a load as is mentioned in the foregoing paragraph;
- (j) notwithstanding anything in any of the three foregoing paragraphs the overall width of a heavy motor car, locomotive, tractor or trailer shall not exceed 20 feet;
- (k) where, in relation to the load carried by a vehicle, there is a lateral projection on one or both sides of the vehicle the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of the projection, or as the case may be, of both projections shall not exceed 20 feet;
- (l) the overall length of a vehicle or of a vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load or, where a load is carried in such a manner that part of its weight rests on more than one vehicle, of the vehicles together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of the load shall not exceed 90 feet;
- (m) a vehicle shall be so constructed that it is a wheeled vehicle;
- (n) every wheel of a vehicle shall be equipped with a pneumatic tyre or a tyre of soft or elastic material;
- (o) the following restrictions on weight shall apply to vehicles, including articulated vehicles, carrying an abnormal indivisible load:—
 - (i) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the load shall not exceed 150 tons,
 - (ii) the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel shall not exceed $11\frac{1}{2}$ tons,
 - (iii) the weight transmitted to any strip of road surface upon which the wheels rest contained between any two parallel lines drawn on that surface at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the load shall not exceed, if the parallel lines are not more than 2 feet apart, 45 tons and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 2 feet but not exceeding a total distance apart of 7 feet, at a rate of 9 tons per foot and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 7 feet, at a rate of 3 tons per foot, and
 - (iv) the total weight transmitted to the road surface by any wheels in line transversely not fitted with pneumatic tyres shall be such that the average weight per inch width of tyre in contact with the road surface shall not exceed 15 hundredweight:

Provided that the restrictions contained in item (ii) of this paragraph shall not apply to any heavy motor car registered on or before 31st December 1951 or any trailer manufactured before the 1st January 1952.

For the purposes of item (ii) of this paragraph any two wheels shall be regarded as one wheel if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 2 feet; and

- (p) no vehicle or combination of vehicles shall carry more than one abnormal indivisible load at any one time:

Provided that, subject to compliance with all the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the laden weights of vehicles and the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels, it shall be permissible for a vehicle or any vehicles comprised in a combination of vehicles to carry more than one abnormal indivisible load of the same character and, where any abnormal indivisible load is carried, to carry any articles of a similar character.

Engineering Plant

21. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of engineering plant notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to the restriction contained in Article 23(2) of this Order and, in a case where Article 24, 25, 27 or 28 of this Order applies, to the restrictions and conditions contained in such of those Articles as are applicable to that case and, in any case, to the following further restrictions and conditions:—

- (a) engineering plant other than a mobile crane shall only be used on a road for the purpose of proceeding to or from the site of engineering operations or when actually engaged in such operations and shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment or, in the case of plant when actually engaged on the construction, maintenance and repair of roads, materials which it is specially designed to treat while carried on the vehicle;
- (b) a mobile crane shall only be used on a road for the purpose of proceeding from one place to another and not for the purpose of the lifting or transportation of goods or burden otherwise than when actually engaged in engineering operations;
- (c) no engineering plant other than a mobile crane shall draw any trailer other than a trailer which is engineering plant or a living van or office hut used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of roads;
- (d) no mobile crane shall draw a trailer;
- (e) a vehicle shall be so constructed that it is either a wheeled vehicle or a track laying vehicle;
- (f) in the case of a wheeled motor vehicle Regulations 4, 7, 13, 14, 16 to 19 (inclusive), 63, 65, 66(1)(a), 67 to 70(1) (inclusive), 72 to 79 (inclusive) and 81 to 83 (inclusive) of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply:

Provided that—

- (i) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or before 31st December 1951 Regulations 14(2) and 16 of the said Regulations shall not apply,
- (ii) in the case of a machine designed for use and used solely for the purpose of laying materials for the repair or construction of road surfaces if the weight transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely does not exceed 11 tons the said Regulation 7 shall not apply, and
- (iii) in the case of a motor vehicle designed for use in work of construction or repair of road surfaces, the wheels of which are equipped with pneumatic tyres specially provided with smooth treads for such use and which is incapable by reason of its

construction of exceeding a speed of 20 miles per hour on the level under its own power, Regulation 69(1)(f) of the said Regulations shall not apply;

- (g) in the case of a wheeled trailer Regulations 4, 7, 63, 66(1)(a), 67, 69, 72 and 81 of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply;

Provided that in the case of a trailer designed for use in work of construction or repair of road surfaces and the wheels of which are equipped with pneumatic tyres specially provided with smooth treads for such use, the said Regulation 69(1)(f) shall not apply;

- (h) in the case of a track laying motor vehicle Regulations 3, 5, 8, 12, 13, 15 to 19 (inclusive), 44, 46 to 59 (inclusive), 61, 62 and 68 of the Track Laying Regulations shall apply:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or before 31st December 1951 Regulation 15 of the said Regulations shall not apply, and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle which is a road roller the said Regulation 8 shall not apply;

- (i) in the case of a track laying trailer Regulations 3, 5, 8, 44, 47, 49, 50, 52 and 61 of the Track Laying Regulations shall apply:

Provided that in the case of a trailer which is a road roller the said Regulation 8 shall not apply;

- (j) all the wheels of a vehicle which are not equipped with pneumatic tyres or tyres of soft or elastic material shall be equipped with smooth tyres and have the edges rounded to a radius of not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and not more than 1 inch:

Provided that in the case of gritting machines designed for use and used for gritting frosted and icebound roads all or any of the tyres may be shod with diagonal cross bars of equal width of not less than 1 inch, extending the full breadth of the tyre and so arranged that the distance between adjacent cross bars is not greater than the width of the cross bars;

- (k) in the case of any vehicle the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel not equipped with pneumatic tyres where no other wheel is in the same line transversely or by all the wheels not equipped with pneumatic tyres in line transversely shall be such that the average weight per inch width of tyre in contact with such surface does not exceed 15 cwt.;

- (l) a motor vehicle shall be equipped with an efficient brake:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle propelled by steam the engine shall be deemed to be an efficient brake if the engine is capable of being reversed and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or after 1st January 1952, any brake required by this sub-paragraph shall be capable of being set so as to hold the vehicle when stationary unless another brake fitted to the vehicle is capable of being so set;

- (m) a trailer shall be equipped with an efficient brake or with suitable scotches or other similar devices to hold the vehicle stationary when necessary;

- (n) no motor vehicle which exceeds 26 feet in overall length shall draw a trailer:

Provided that this sub-paragraph shall not apply to any broken down vehicle which is being drawn by a motor vehicle in consequence of the breakdown;

- (o) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels or all the tracks of a vehicle shall not exceed 150 tons;
- (p) the overall length of a vehicle shall not exceed 90 feet;
- (q) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 20 feet; and
- (r) the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicators and Stop Lights) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968, in so far as they apply to wheeled motor vehicles and wheeled trailers, must be complied with.

Other vehicles carrying loads exceeding 14 feet in width

22. The Ministry authorises the use on roads of motor vehicles and trailers carrying loads where the overall width of the vehicle on which the load is carried together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of the load exceeds 14 feet but does not exceed 20 feet, subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Articles 23(3), 24 and 27 of this Order and also to the condition that the vehicle complies in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations other than Regulation 92(1) and (2) thereof.

Speed limits for vehicles authorised by Article 20, 21 or 22

23.—(1) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 of this Order shall not travel on any road, other than a special road,—

(a) in the case of a vehicle—

(i) which is not carrying a load,

(ii) which has an overall width not exceeding 9 feet 6 inches, and

(iii) which complies with all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the springs, mudguards, brakes and tyres with which a vehicle is required to be fitted or equipped, to the weights of vehicles and to the weights transmitted to the road surface by the wheels of vehicles,

at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour; and

(b) in any other case, at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour.

(2) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 21 of this Order shall not travel on any road, other than a special road, at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour.

(3) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 22 of this Order shall not travel on any road, other than a special road, at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Attendants

24.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 22 of this Order and in a case where—

(a) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 9 feet 6 inches, or

(b) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 2.5 metres but does not exceed 9 feet 6 inches, or

(c) the overall length of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of the vehicle together with the length

- of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 60 feet, or
- (d) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised a load is carried in such a manner that part of its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles and the overall length of the vehicles by which the load is carried together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 60 feet, or
 - (e) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the combination and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein exceeds 85 feet, or
 - (f) a vehicle the use of which is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 is carrying a load having a forward projection exceeding 6 feet in length or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection as aforesaid.

(2) In a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the foregoing paragraph, at least two persons and in a case where the use of the vehicle on roads is authorised by the said Article 22 and in any of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraphs (b) to (f) of that paragraph, at least one person, in addition to the person or persons employed as respects a motor vehicle in driving that vehicle, shall be employed in attending to that vehicle and its load and any other vehicle or vehicles drawn by that vehicle and the load carried on the vehicle or vehicles so drawn and to give warning to the driver of the said motor vehicle and to any other person of any danger likely to be caused to any such other person by reason of the presence of the said vehicle or vehicles on the road:

Provided that where, in a case mentioned in the said sub-paragraph (a), a vehicle is engaged in engineering operations and moves on a road only to the extent necessary for the efficient performance of such operations it shall be sufficient compliance with this paragraph if one person in addition to the driver or drivers is employed in attending to the vehicle for the purposes aforesaid.

(3) For the purposes of the foregoing paragraph—

- (a) in a case where a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers any person employed in pursuance of Regulation 93 of the Construction and Use Regulations in attending that vehicle or any such trailer shall be treated as being an attendant required by that paragraph so long as he is also employed to discharge the duties mentioned in that paragraph, and
- (b) in a case where a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers and another motor vehicle is used for the purpose of assisting in their propulsion on the road, the person or persons employed in driving that other motor vehicle shall not be treated as a person or persons employed in attending to the first-mentioned vehicle or any vehicle or vehicles drawn thereby.

Marking of projecting loads and fixed appliances or apparatus which project

25.—(1) This Article applies in a case where a load carried by a vehicle the use of which is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or where

a special appliance or apparatus fitted to a vehicle the use of which is so authorised—

(a) has a forward projection exceeding 6 feet in length or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet in length, or

(b) has a rearward projection exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in length but not exceeding 10 feet in length.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this Article—

(a) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the foregoing paragraph the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 4 to the Construction and Use Regulations shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 3 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph, and

(b) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of the foregoing paragraph the conditions specified in paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 4 shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 4 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph.

(3) Where, in any of the cases mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article, a vehicle is carrying a load or is fitted with a special appliance or apparatus and the load or the appliance or apparatus has, in relation to the vehicle, a forward projection or a rearward projection, and another vehicle is attached to that end of the vehicle from which the load or, as the case may be, the appliance or apparatus projects and is attached to that vehicle in such a manner that—

(a) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the foremost part of the projection or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the rearmost part of the projection, or

(b) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost part of the projection extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost part of the projection extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle, then—

(i) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article shall not apply as respects any such projection, and

(ii) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, the provisions of the said paragraph (2) shall apply as if each of the references in paragraph (1) of this Article to a rearward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a rearward projection as extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle and as if the reference in the said paragraph (1) to a forward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a forward projection as extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle measured, in either case, when the longitudinal axis of each vehicle lies in the same vertical plane between vertical planes at right angles to the said longitudinal axis and passing, in the case of a rearward projection, through the rearmost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point or, in the case of a forward projection, through the foremost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point.

(4) This Article shall not apply to any motor vehicle or trailer being used—

- (a) for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or for defence purposes (including civil defence purposes), or
 - (b) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic
- if, in any such case, compliance with any provision of this Article would hinder or be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

Trailers used in connection with road surfacing

26.—(1) Notwithstanding the restrictions imposed by sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 89 of the Construction and Use Regulations, as to the number of trailers which may be drawn by a motor-tractor, motor-car or heavy motor-car the Ministry authorises the use on roads of the trailers specified in the following paragraph, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the total number of such trailers which may be drawn shall not exceed three;
 - (b) the speed of the drawing vehicle shall not exceed 5 miles per hour;
 - (c) suitable Advance Warning signs shall be used to inform approaching traffic when the vehicles are engaged in the repair or construction of road surfaces.
- (2) The trailers referred to in the foregoing paragraph are:—
- (a) trailers designed for the purpose of carrying heating or spraying tar or bituminous materials for road surfaces;
 - (b) trailers designed for the purpose of carrying or spreading aggregate for the repair or construction of road surfaces;
 - (c) trailers designed as ramps for the loading of road-surfacing materials.

Notice to police

27.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 22 of this Order and in a case where—

- (a) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 9 feet 6 inches, or
- (b) the overall length of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 50 feet, or
- (c) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised a load is carried in such a manner that part of its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles and the overall length of the vehicles by which the load is carried together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 50 feet, or
- (d) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the

combination and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein exceeds 85 feet, or

- (e) a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 is carrying a load having a forward projection or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection as aforesaid, or
- (f) the total weight of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by the said Article 20 or 21 or of such a vehicle and its load or, in a case where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, the total weight of the combination of vehicles or of the said combination and of any load carried by any vehicle or vehicles comprised therein exceeds 75 tons.

(2) Save in so far as the Inspector General dispenses with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice (excluding Sundays and public holidays) as provided by the following paragraph to the Inspector General.

(3) The notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 3 to this Order.

(4) Subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by the Inspector General, the vehicle or vehicles shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if any dimension or measurement relating to the vehicle or the vehicles (including that relating to a combination of vehicles) or to a special appliance or apparatus or to a load to be carried, being a dimension or measurement of which particulars have been given as aforesaid, is not exceeded.

Notice to road and bridge authorities

28.—(1) This Article applies in a case where—

- (a) the total weight of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of such a vehicle and its load or, in a case where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, the total weight of the combination of vehicles or of the said combination and of any load carried by any vehicle or vehicles comprised therein exceeds 75 tons, or
- (b) as respects any vehicle the use of which is authorised as aforesaid any of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations with respect to the weights of vehicles whether laden or unladen or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels or tracks or, as the case may be, the wheels and tracks, is not complied with or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as respects any or all of the vehicles comprised in the combination is not complied with.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (6), (7), (8) and (9) of this Article, save in so far as the road authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles, will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles

on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or with any of the requirements applicable by virtue of the following paragraph as respects the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give, in a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the foregoing paragraph, at least six clear days' notice as provided by the following paragraph and, in a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of the foregoing paragraph, at least two clear days' notice as so provided (in either case excluding Sundays and public holidays) to the road authority for any such road and to the bridge authority for any such bridge.

(3) The notice referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and shall contain the particulars specified in Part II of Schedule 3 to this Order.

(4) Before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the road authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity as provided by the following paragraph.

(5) The indemnity referred to in the foregoing paragraph shall be in the form specified in Part III of Schedule 3 to this Order.

(6) In the case of any part of a trunk road where, by virtue of the provisions of Section 6 of the Roads Act (Northern Ireland) 1948, the functions of the Ministry of Development with respect to maintenance and repair are exercised by the Council of a county, county borough or urban county district, the notice and indemnity required to be given to the Ministry under this paragraph shall be duly given only if it is addressed to such Council.

(7) Where in the case of any trailer, being a vehicle falling within a case mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this Article, at least six days' notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (2) of this Article and it is found impracticable to use any vehicle specified in the notice (not being a vehicle the use of which upon roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order) as a vehicle intended to draw the trailer, then any other vehicle similar in type to the vehicle so specified may be substituted for that vehicle if at least two clear days' notice of the substitution is given to every authority to whom the previous notice was given, and thereupon the last-mentioned notice shall have effect as if the substituted vehicle and not the replaced vehicle had always been specified therein as the vehicle intended to draw the trailer.

(8) In the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 of this Order, being a vehicle in relation to the use of which notice and an indemnity is required respectively by paragraphs (2) and (4) of this Article to be given to any authority but, in connection with a particular journey, cannot be given to that authority in accordance with the said paragraphs (2) and (4) on account of the urgency of the journey in the national interest, it shall be sufficient compliance with the provisions of the said paragraph (2) (as respects the said notice) and of the said paragraph (4) (as respects the said indemnity) as respects that authority if the notice and indemnity be given so as to be received by that authority or, if sent by post, be posted, before the vehicle is used on any road or bridge for the maintenance and repair of which that authority is responsible:

Provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall only apply if—

(a) the vehicle is used solely for carrying any of the vehicles specified in paragraph 1 or 2 in column 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order, being the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the persons respectively specified opposite thereto in column 3 of that Schedule;

- (b) the owner of the carrying vehicle has previously consulted the Ministry on the route proposed to be followed; and
- (c) it is certified in writing by the proper naval, military or air force authority that the journey is urgent in the national interest.

(9) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Order, nothing in this Article shall apply to the use on roads of any vehicle which is the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the Secretary of State for Defence.

Restriction on the passage over bridges of vehicles carrying abnormal indivisible loads

29. Where a motor vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 of this Order is so used or where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and an abnormal indivisible load is being carried by any such vehicle, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not cause or permit either that vehicle or, in the case of a combination of vehicles, any vehicle comprised in the combination—

- (a) to enter on any bridge whilst there is on that bridge any other vehicle which is either carrying an abnormal indivisible load or is being used to draw a trailer carrying such a load the presence of which is known to or could reasonably be ascertained by him, or
- (b) to remain stationary on any bridge except in circumstances beyond his control.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 19th day of December 1968, in the presence of

(L.S.)

W. G. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE 1 (see Article 2)

Orders Revoked

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1956(g).

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) Order (Northern Ireland) 1961(h).

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (No. 1) Order (Northern Ireland) 1961(i).

SCHEDULE 2 (see Article 6)

Service and Aviation Vehicles

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed either for actual combative purposes or for naval, military or air force training in connection therewith or for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of instruments of war, including guns and machine guns.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	The Secretary of State for Defence or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
2. Track laying motor vehicles or track laying trailers constructed either for actual combative purposes or for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of, instruments of war, including guns and machine guns, ammunition, equipment or stores in connection therewith.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	The Secretary of State for Defence or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
3. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of tanks.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	The Secretary of State for Defence or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
4. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of searchlights or the necessary equipment therefor.	Construction and Use Regulation 8. Track Laying Regulation 6.	The Secretary of State for Defence or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.

(g) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 152.

(i) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 199.

(h) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1961, No. 13.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
5. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of aircraft or aircraft parts.	Construction and Use Regulations 6, 31, 32, 49 and 92. Track Laying Regulations 4, 25 and 66.	The Secretary of State for Defence or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
6. Motor tractors, heavy motor cars and trailers constructed for naval, military, air force or aviation purposes before 1st January 1949.	Construction and Use Regulations 27, 31, 32, 49 and 50.	The Secretary of State for Defence or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
7. Heavy motor cars or trailers constructed for use and used only in connection with flying operations where the additional width is made necessary by the design of the equipment or its installation on the vehicle.	Construction and Use Regulations 31 and 49.	The Secretary of State for Defence or President of the Board of Trade or Minister of Aviation or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretary of State or for the said President or for the said Minister or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
8. Aircraft drawn by motor vehicles.	Construction and Use Regulations 8 and 48 to 50 (inclusive).	The Secretary of State for Defence.

SCHEDULE 3

PART I (see Article 27)

Form of Notice to Police

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES) GENERAL ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968.

In pursuance of Article 27 of the above-mentioned Order I/We

..... of being the owner(s) of the under-mentioned vehicle(s) to which the Order applies hereby give notice that it is my/our intention to use the said vehicle(s) on the roads specified below from to starting at approximately a.m./p.m. on the day of and completing the journey at approximately a.m./p.m. on the day of The route proposed to be followed is:—

Ministry

Classification No.

..... to
..... to " "

NOTE:--Any further particulars of route necessary to define it clearly are to be given overleaf and where a road is unclassified sufficient information is to be given to enable it to be identified.

Particulars

(to be given in respect of each vehicle)

- 1. Vehicle(s) to which the Order applies.
- Index mark and registered number (if any)
- Carrier's licence number (if any)
- Type
- Description of load (if any)
- Dimensions of vehicle(s) and of load (if any)—
 - Maximum height of vehicle(s) or of vehicle(s) and load
 - Overall width of vehicle(s) inclusive, where a load is to be carried having a lateral projection, of the width of any such projection
 - Overall length of vehicle(s)
 - Length of any projection of special appliance or apparatus or load—
 - forward projection
 - rearward projection
 - Distance between vehicles where load is to be carried by more than one vehicle
 - Overall length of any combination of vehicles (inclusive of load)
 - Total weight of vehicle(s) (inclusive of load, if any)
- 2. Other vehicle(s) (if any) drawing or drawn by the above-mentioned vehicle(s).
- Index mark and registration number (if any)
- Carrier's licence number (if any)
- Type
- Laden weight

Date Signed

PART II (see Articles 16, 17 and 28)

Form of Notice to Road and Bridge Authorities

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES) GENERAL ORDER
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968

In pursuance of Article 16/17/28 of the above-mentioned Order I/We
 of
 being the owner(s) of the under-mentioned vehicle(s) to which the Order applies
 hereby give notice that it is my/our intention to use the said vehicle(s) on the
 roads specified below from to
 starting at approximately a.m./p.m. on the day
 of and completing the journey at approximately a.m./p.m.
 on the day of The route proposed to be followed is:—

..... to Ministry
 Classification No.
 to " "

NOTE:—Any further particulars of route necessary to define it clearly are to
 be given overleaf and where a road is unclassified sufficient information is to be
 given to enable it to be identified.

Particulars

(to be given in respect of each vehicle)

1. Total number of vehicles to be used including not only vehicles the use of
 which is authorised only by the Order but also other vehicles to be used in
 conjunction therewith

2. Number of such vehicles the use of which is authorised only by the
 Order

3. Vehicle(s) to which the Order applies.

*(Particulars to be given in respect of each vehicle)

Index mark and registration number (if any)

Carrier's licence number (if any)

Type

Description of load (if any)

Overall dimensions of vehicle(s) (inclusive of load, if any):—

Maximum height

Maximum width

Maximum length

Weight of vehicle(s) (inclusive of load, if any)

Spacing and weight of load carrying axles—

(a) first load carrying axle:

(i) number of wheels

(ii) approximate weight on axle

(iii) distance to second load carrying axle

(b) second load carrying axle:

(i) number of wheels

(ii) approximate weight on axle

(iii) distance to third load carrying axle

Repeat for all load carrying axles.

In the case of track laying vehicles a dimensioned sketch plan is to be attached
 showing the number and disposition of all wheels (if any) and tracks in contact with

*All particulars in respect of an articulated vehicle should be included under 3 as if it
 were a single vehicle.

the road surface indicating the weights transmitted by the wheels or tracks of the vehicle(s).

- 4. Other vehicle(s) (if any) drawing or drawn by the above-mentioned vehicle(s).
- Index mark and registration number (if any)
- Carrier's licence number (if any)
- Type
- Laden weight

PART III (see Articles 16, 17 and 28)

Form of Indemnity

I/We hereby agree to indemnify you and each and every road or bridge authority responsible for the maintenance and repair of any road or bridge on the journey to which the above notice relates in respect of any damage which may be caused to any such road or bridge—

- (a) by [any of] the above-mentioned vehicle[s]—
 - (i) by reason of the construction of or weight transmitted to the road surface by [any of] the said vehicle[s], or
 - (ii) by reason of the dimensions, distribution or adjustment of the load carried by [any of] the said vehicle[s]; or
- (b) by any other vehicle by reason of the use of [any of] the above-mentioned vehicle[s] on the road or, as the case may be, the bridge except to the extent that the damage was caused or contributed to by the negligence of the driver of the other vehicle:

Provided that any claim in respect of damage so caused by any vehicle shall be made in writing within twelve months from the date on which the vehicle is last used on the journey to which the above notice relates, stating the occasion and place of the damage.

Date Signed

NOTE:—Paragraph (a)(ii) above only applies where vehicles are carrying an abnormal indivisible load and in other cases should be omitted.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order, which re-enacts with amendment the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1956, and its amending Orders specified in Schedule 1 to this Order, authorises, subject to specified conditions and restrictions, the use on roads of special vehicles constructed for special purposes or equipped with special equipment, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply either with all of the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967 or the Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956.

The principal changes made by this Order are that the meaning of "abnormal indivisible load" in Article 19 has been redefined to authorise the use of special vehicles to carry such loads with a gross weight of between 24 and 32 tons; additional restrictions and conditions are imposed on the use of vehicles which are used for the carriage of abnormal indivisible loads (as defined in Article 19) and on the use of vehicles which are engineering plant (as defined in that Article) as specified in sub-paragraphs (1) to (6) below.

- (1) The overall length of a vehicle may not exceed 90 feet (Articles 20(l) and 21(p));
- (2) In the case of engineering plant, the total weight of a vehicle may not exceed 150 tons and its overall width may not exceed 20 feet (Article 21(o) and (q));
- (3) Provision is made for the authorisation, subject to certain conditions, of vehicles carrying loads over 14 feet in width but not exceeding 20 feet (Article 22);
- (4) Where the overall length of a vehicle exceeds 60 feet or where the overall length of a combination of vehicles (as defined in Article 19) exceeds 85 feet or where a load has a forward projection exceeding 6 feet or a rearward projection exceeding 10 feet, at least one person in addition to the driver of the vehicle must be employed to attend to the vehicle or the vehicles and the load (Article 24);
- (5) Where a load has a forward projection exceeding 6 feet in length or a rearward projection exceeding 3 feet 6 inches in length (but not, in either case, exceeding 10 feet in length), the projection must be marked in accordance with the provisions, respectively, of paragraphs 3 and 4 of Schedule 4 to the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations; exceptions from this requirement are provided for in the case of vehicles used for police or emergency purposes (Article 25);
- (6) Where the overall length of a vehicle exceeds 50 feet or where the overall length of a combination of vehicles exceeds 85 feet or where a load has a forward or rearward projection exceeding 10 feet, notice of the proposed use of the vehicle must be given to the police (Article 27).

(N.B. References in sub-paragraphs (1)-(6) above to the overall length of a vehicle include, in the case of a vehicle used for the carriage of an abnormal indivisible load, the length of any forward or rearward projection of the load (as defined in Article 19) and, where a load is carried by more than one vehicle, the overall length of each vehicle, the distance between adjacent vehicles and the length of any such projection as aforesaid; and references to the overall width of such a vehicle include the width of any lateral projection of the load (as defined in Article 19).

An additional change is that the maximum speed at which any vehicle which is used for the carriage of an abnormal indivisible load or which is engineering plant may travel on a road is varied so as to permit a maximum speed of 20 m.p.h. in the case of vehicles referred to in sub-paragraph (3) above; in other cases it remains at 12 m.p.h.