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## ROAD VEHICLES

## Registration and Licensing

REGULATIONS, DATED 28TH FEBRUARY 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1954(a).

The Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(a), and every other power thereunto enabling it hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

(2) In these Regulations the expression “Principal Regulations” means the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1947(b).

2. The Fifth Schedule to the Principal Regulations, as amended(c), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) The following paragraph shall be substituted for paragraph 2:—

“2.—(i) Unless a registration mark is so designed and constructed that it may be illuminated from behind by means of the translucency of the letters and figures, or is exhibited on a plate which is constructed of reflex reflecting material in accordance with paragraph 2A it shall be formed of white, silver or light grey letters and figures upon a black surface and every letter or figure shall be indelibly inscribed upon or so attached to that surface that it cannot readily be detached therefrom and if the letters and figures are exhibited on a flat plate the plate may be constructed of cast or pressed metal having raised letters and figures.

(ii) If a registration mark is so designed and constructed to be illuminated from behind as aforesaid it shall be formed of white letters and figures upon a black surface and all the letters and figures shall, when the registration mark is so illuminated during the hours of darkness, appear white against a black background.”

(2) The following paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph 2:—

“2A. A registration mark may be exhibited on a plate which is constructed of reflex reflecting material and if so exhibited:—

(i) the registration mark if displayed on the front of the vehicle shall be formed of black letters and figures against a white background constructed of reflex reflecting material, but no reflecting material shall be applied to any part of the black letters or figures;

(ii) the registration mark if displayed on the back of the vehicle or on any trailer attached thereto shall be formed of black letters and

(a) 1954. c. 17.

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

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1958, No. 3; S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965, No. 259.

figures against a yellow background constructed of reflex reflecting material, but no reflecting material shall be applied to any part of the black letters or figures; and

- (iii) every plate on which the registration mark is exhibited shall be legibly and permanently marked with the specification number of the British Standard for reflex reflecting number plates, namely B.S. AU 145: 1967."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Development this 28th day of February 1968.

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W. F. Stout,  
Secretary.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Fifth Schedule to the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1947 as amended by the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1958, and the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965, by permitting the use of reflex-reflecting number plates as an alternative to existing types of number plate.