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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1966 No. 981

## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit)  
(Amendment) Regulations 1966**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	19th July 1966
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	21st July 1966
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	14th August 1966

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of her powers under section 24(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 10th day following the day they are approved by Parliament and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) (Amendment) Regulations 1966.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations 1962(c) shall have effect as if:—

(a) for paragraph 1 of the Schedule there were substituted the following paragraph:—

“1. Passenger vehicles, that is to say, vehicles constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects, and dual purpose vehicles:—

(1) a passenger vehicle having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons, or adapted to carry more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver, in respect of which a public service vehicle licence granted under section 127 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 is in force.....50

(2) a vehicle having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons, or adapted to carry more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver, not being a vehicle which falls within sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph.....40

(3) a vehicle drawing one trailer—

(a) in the case of a motor car adapted to carry not more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver, if the trailer is—

(i) a living van, or

- (ii) a load-carrying trailer having an unladen weight not exceeding 5 hundredweight, or
- (iii) a glider trailer being used either unladen or to carry a glider or ancillary equipment, or
- (iv) not within any of the foregoing descriptions of trailers, and has an unladen weight not exceeding 15 hundredweight.....40
- (b) in the case of a passenger vehicle having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons, or adapted to carry more than 7 passengers exclusive of the driver in respect of which a public service vehicle licence granted under section 127 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 is in force.....40
- (c) in the case of a vehicle not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) or (b) above .....30
- (4) a vehicle drawing more than one trailer.....20
- (5) a vehicle not fitted with pneumatic tyres and a vehicle drawing a trailer not so fitted.....20
- (6) an invalid carriage.....20.”;

(b) for paragraph 15 of the Schedule there were substituted the following paragraphs:—

“15. In this Schedule “load-carrying trailer” means a trailer, not being a living van or a glider trailer, which is constructed or adapted for use for the conveyance of goods or burden of any description.

15A. In this Schedule “glider trailer” means a trailer—

- (a) which is designed and constructed for carrying a glider or ancillary equipment,
- (b) the unladen weight of which does not exceed 10 hundredweight, and
- (c) the overall length of which, excluding any towbar, does not exceed 33 feet.”.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 19th July 1966.

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*Barbara Castle,*

The Minister of Transport.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Act 1960, as varied by the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations 1962, prescribes speed limits, subject to conditions, for specified classes and descriptions of vehicles.

These Regulations have the effect of varying the provisions of the said Schedule 1 and make the following changes:—

1. The speed limit for public service vehicles is increased from 40 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. (Regulation 2(a));
2. The speed limit for vehicles drawing a glider trailer, subject to certain conditions, is increased from 30 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. (Regulation 2(a) and (b));
3. The speed limit for a public service vehicle drawing a trailer is increased from 30 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. (Regulation 2(a)).