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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1970

<i>Made</i>	- - -	15th January 1970
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		27th January 1970
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st March 1970

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under sections 3, 5(2)(a) and 10(2)(b) of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of the said Act of 1957, as amended by section 264 of, and Schedule 17 to, the Road Traffic Act 1960(b) hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st March 1970 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1970.

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

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1964(d), as amended (e), shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 14(5), for the word and figures “Regulation 15(5)”, there were substituted the word and figures “Regulation 15(10)”; and

(2) for Regulation 15 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

“15.—(1) In this Regulation “approval mark” means a marking designated as an approval mark by Regulation 2(2) of the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1968(f), and “motor bicycle” means a bicycle propelled by mechanical power with or without a sidecar attached thereto.

(2) Save as provided in paragraphs (8) and (9) of this Regulation every obligatory rear lamp fitted with an electric bulb and carried on—

(a) every mechanically propelled vehicle registered on or after the 1st April 1959 but before the 1st September 1964,

(b) every mechanically propelled vehicle not required to be registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(g) and supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the 1st April 1959 but before the 1st September 1964,

(c) every trailer supplied as aforesaid, shall be marked—

(i) with the specification number of the British Standard for Tail Lights for Vehicles, namely, B.S.2516,

(a) 1957 c. 51.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

(e) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1965/870, 1967/1640, 1934 (1965 I, p. 2367 1967 III, p. 4492; III, p. 5387).

(g) 1962 c. 13.

(b) 1960 c. 16.

(d) S.I. 1964/205 (1964 I, p. 345).

(f) S.I. 1968/171 (1968 I, p. 403).

- (ii) with the grade "Grade 1" or "Grade 2"; and
 - (iii) with the name, trade mark or other means of identification of the manufacturer of the lamp.
- (3) Every obligatory rear lamp fitted with an electric bulb and carried on a cycle or any other vehicle not mechanically propelled and not a trailer shall be marked—
- (a) with the specification number of the British Standard for Cycle Rear Lamps, namely, B.S.3648, and
 - (b) with the name, trade mark or other means of identification of the manufacturer of the lamp.
- (4) Save as provided in paragraphs (8) and (9) of this Regulation, every obligatory rear lamp fitted with an electric bulb and carried on a vehicle to which this paragraph applies shall be marked—
- (a) with the particulars specified in sub-paragraphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (2) of this Regulation, and
 - (b) with the grade "Grade 1".
- (5) The last preceding paragraph applies to the following vehicles—
- (a) every motor bicycle registered on or after the 1st September 1964;
 - (b) every mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a motor bicycle) registered on or after the 1st September 1964 and before the 1st July 1973;
 - (c) every mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a motor bicycle) registered on or after the 1st July 1973, if manufactured before the 1st January 1973;
 - (d) every mechanically propelled vehicle not required to be registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962 and every trailer, in each case supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person—
 - (i) on or after the 1st September 1964 and before the 1st July 1973, or
 - (ii) on or after the 1st July 1973, if manufactured before the 1st January 1973.
- (6) Every obligatory rear lamp fitted with an electric bulb and carried on a vehicle to which this paragraph applies shall be marked with an approval mark and—
- (a) in the case of a rear lamp not combined with a stop lamp, the symbol "R" enclosed in a square above such mark, or
 - (b) in the case of a rear lamp combined with a stop lamp the symbol "R-S2" enclosed in a rectangle above such mark.
- (7) The last preceding paragraph applies to the following vehicles—
- (a) every mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a motor bicycle) manufactured on or after the 1st January 1973 and registered on or after the 1st July 1973;
 - (b) every mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a motor bicycle) not required to be registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962, manufactured on or after the 1st January 1973 and supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the 1st July 1973;

(c) every trailer manufactured on or after the 1st January 1973 and supplied as aforesaid.

(8) Nothing in paragraph (2) or (4) of this Regulation shall require an obligatory rear lamp to be marked as provided in that paragraph, if it is carried on such a mechanically propelled vehicle or trailer as is mentioned in Regulation 14(4) of these Regulations.

(9) Nothing in paragraph (2) or (4) of this Regulation shall require an obligatory rear lamp to be marked as provided in that paragraph if, in the case of a rear lamp carried on a vehicle other than a motor bicycle, it is marked with an approval mark and—

- (i) in the case of a rear lamp not combined with a stop lamp, the symbol “R” enclosed in a square above such mark, or
- (ii) in the case of a rear lamp combined with a stop lamp, the symbol “R-S1” or “R-S2” enclosed in a rectangle above such mark.

(10) The provisions of Regulation 14(5) of these Regulations shall not apply to any obligatory rear lamp to which paragraph (2), (3), (4) or (6) of this Regulation applies or to any such lamp marked as provided in paragraph (9) of this Regulation.

(11) Nothing in this Regulation shall be taken to authorise any person to apply the said specification number B.S.2516, the said specification number B.S.3648, an approval mark, the said symbol “R”, the said symbol “R-S1” or the said symbol “R-S2” to any obligatory rear lamp in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968(a).”;

(3) in Regulation 45, in sub-paragraph (1)(b)(iii), before the word “maintaining,” there were inserted the word “testing.”.

Given under the Official seal of the Minister of Transport the 15th January 1970.

(L.S.)

Fred Mulley,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1964. The principal changes are :—

1. Certain motor vehicles (except motor bicycles) and trailers are permitted to be fitted with obligatory rear lamps marked with an approval mark designated by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1968 instead of with, *inter alia*, the specification number of the British Standard for Tail Lights for Vehicles, namely, B.S.2516 (paragraph (9) of the new Regulation 15) ;
2. Motor vehicles (except motor bicycles) and trailers manufactured on or after 1st January 1973 and registered or supplied on or after 1st July 1973 are required to be fitted with obligatory rear lamps marked with an approval mark designated by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1968 (paragraphs (6) and (7) of the new Regulation 15) ;
3. Vehicles testing roads are permitted to carry certain lamps showing an amber light to the rear (Regulation 2(3)).

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