### 1982 No. 1484

# ROAD TRAFFIC PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES

## The Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1982

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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(1) and (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a), and now vested in him (b), and section 44(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(c), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972 and section 44(4) of the said Act of 1981, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 22nd November 1982 and may be cited as the Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1982.
- 2. The Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1977(d) are further amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.
  - 3. In Regulation 17 (Seats), in paragraph (2), for "405" substitute "400".
- **4.** In Regulation 28 (First aid equipment), for paragraph (1) substitute the following paragraph:—
  - "(1) There shall be carried on every minibus a receptacle which contains the items specified in Part II of the Schedule to these Regulations."
- 5. In the Schedule, in Part I (fire extinguishing apparatus), for paragraph 2 substitute the following paragraph:—
  - "2. A fire extinguisher which complies in all respects with a specification for portable fire extinguishers issued by the British Standards Institution being either B.S.5423: 1977 published on 31st December 1976 or B.S.5423 1980 which took effect on 31st December 1980 and which, in either case, either—

<sup>(</sup>a) 1972 c. 20. (b) S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238. (c) 1981 c. 14.

<sup>(</sup>d) S.I. 1977/2103, as amended by S.I. 1980/142 and 1981/1599.

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- (a) contains water with a minimum test fire rating of 8A, or
- (b) contains foam with a minimum test fire rating of 8A and 21B, or
- (c) contains and is marked to indicate that it contains halon 1211 or halon 1301 with, in either case, a minimum test fire rating of 21B."
- 6. In the Schedule, in Part II, (first aid equipment) omit paragraph 1 and the number "2" at the beginning of the second paragraph.

18th October 1982.

David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport.

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1977 as follows:—

- (1) A minor (and relaxing) amendment is made to the requirements as to the seats of a minibus so as to secure conformity with analogous provisions for other vehicles (Regulation 3);
- (2) The requirements as to fire extinguishing apparatus are amended to take account of a new British Standard B.S.5423: 1980 (Regulation 5); and
- (3) The requirements relating to first aid equipment are up-dated (Regulations 4 and 6).

Copies of the British Standard mentioned above may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

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