STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 185

The Public Service Vehicles (Lost Property) (Amendment) Regulations 1995

2.—(1) The Public Service Vehicles (Lost Property) Regulations 1978(1) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3(1) the following definition shall be substituted for the definition of "vehicle"—

""vehicle" means a vehicle which is a public service vehicle (within the meaning given by secton 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981), but does not include a vehicle used under a permit granted under section 19 of the Transport Act 1985(2) (educational and other bodies) in circumstances where the requirements mentioned in subsection (2) of that section are met;".

- (3) In regulation 7(3) for the word "twelve" there shall be substituted "six".
- (4) The following regulation shall be substituted for regulation 8—

"8. An operator or his representative shall be entitled to retain custody of any property accidentally left in a vehicle but, if the property is claimed while it is in the custody of the operator or his representative and the claimant satisfies the operator or representative that he is the owner and gives him his name and address, it shall thereupon be returned to the claimant on payment, if required by the operator or his representative, of a charge of an amount not exceeding £2".

(5) The following regulation shall be substituted for regulation 9—

"9. If, within one month of the date on which any property was delivered to an operator or his representative in accordance with these Regulations—

- (a) the property is not claimed;
- (b) no person satisfies the operator or his representative that he is the owner of the property; or
- (c) a person satisfies the operator or his representative that he is the owner but refuses or omits to give his name and address or to pay the charge in accordance with regulation 8,

the property shall vest in the operator who may dispose of it as he thinks fit".

(6) Schedule 2 shall be omitted.

(**2**) 1985 c. 67.

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1978/1684, amended by S.I. 1981/1623.