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ROAD VEHICLES

Lighting

REGULATIONS, DATED 7TH AUGUST 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER PART IV OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1934, PART IV AND SECTION 66 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955, ARTICLE 8 OF THE VISITING FORCES (APPLICATION OF LAW) ORDER 1954, AS AMENDED BY THE VISITING FORCES (APPLICATION OF LAW) ORDER 1956, ARTICLE 4 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) (ROAD TRAFFIC) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1957, AND SECTION 14 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1968.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part IV of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1934(a), Part IV and Section 66 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(b), Article 8 of the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order 1954(c), as amended by the Visiting Forces (Application of Law) Order 1956(d), Article 4 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Road Traffic) (Northern Ireland) Order 1957(e), and Section 14 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1968(f), and of all other powers enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1969.

Revocation

2. The Regulations specified in Schedule 5 are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"agricultural implement" means an agricultural implement or an agricultural machine, being in either case a vehicle;

"appropriate authority", in relation to home forces' vehicles or to vehicles in the service of a visiting force, means any such person as is designated opposite such description of vehicles in column 2 of Schedule 3;

"authorising officer", in relation to home forces' vehicles or to vehicles in the service of a visiting force, means any such person as is designated opposite such description of vehicles in column 2 of Schedule 4;

"cycle" means a pedal bicycle or pedal tricycle, not being in either case propelled by mechanical power;

(a) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 15 (N.I.).
(b) 1955. c. 27.
(c) S.I. 1954/635.
(d) S.I. 1956/2042.
(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1957, No. 113.
(f) 1968. c. 19 (N.I.).

"dipped beam" means a beam of light emitted by a headlamp, being a beam which is deflected downwards or both downwards and to the left to such an extent that it is at all times incapable of dazzling any person who is on the same horizontal plane as the vehicle at a greater distance than 25 feet from the lamp whose eye-level is not less than 3 feet 6 inches above that plane;

"dual-purpose lamp" means a lamp combining with an obligatory side lamp an obligatory rear lamp, both the obligatory side lamp and the obligatory rear lamp satisfying the requirements of these Regulations relating to obligatory side lamps and obligatory rear lamps respectively except in so far as such requirements are modified by Regulation 7;

"dual-purpose vehicle" has the same meaning as in Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955;

"engineering plant" means moveable plant or equipment being a mechanically propelled vehicle or trailer designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations, which when proceeding on a road does not carry any load other than such as is necessary for its propulsion or equipment;

"equipment", in relation to a vehicle or sidecar, does not include a driving mirror or a direction indicator;

"existing", in relation to a vehicle, means that the vehicle is other than a new vehicle;

"extreme rear" means the rearmost point for the time being of a vehicle or a sidecar, inclusive of any luggage carrier and inclusive of any tailboard or other adjustable part except when the tailboard or adjustable part is extended whilst the vehicle is stationary and being loaded or unloaded;

"fog lamp" means a lamp on a vehicle which, when lit, illuminates the road in front of the vehicle, and which is used only in conditions of fog or whilst snow is falling;

"front corner marker lamp", in relation to a trailer, means a lamp showing a white light to the side and front of the trailer through an arc extending ninety degrees forward from a line at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the trailer and complying with the provisions of Regulations 43 and 44;

"goods-carrying trailer" means a trailer constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or burden of any description which is either:—

(*a*) a trailer part of which is superimposed on the drawing vehicle; or

(*b*) any other trailer with four or more wheels drawn by a goods vehicle, locomotive or tractor;

"goods vehicle" means any mechanically propelled vehicle the unladen weight of which exceeds thirty hundredweight and which is constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or burden of any description;

"gritting machine" means a vehicle designed and constructed for use and used for gritting roads;

"headlamp" means a lamp on a vehicle which, when lit, illuminates the road in front of the vehicle, and which is not an obligatory side lamp or a fog lamp;

"home forces" means the naval, military or air forces of Her Majesty raised in the United Kingdom;

"home forces' vehicles" means vehicles owned by or in the service of the home forces and used for naval, military or air force purposes;

"horse-drawn", in relation to a vehicle, means that the vehicle is drawn by horses or other animals;

"illuminated area" means, in relation to a lamp, the area of the orthogonal projection on a vertical plane at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle of that part of the lamp through which light is emitted;

"Inspector General" means the Inspector General of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

"large passenger vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle (including a trolley vehicle) designed and constructed for use and used for carrying passengers whether for hire or reward or not other than a mechanically propelled vehicle adapted to carry less than eight passengers exclusive of the driver;

"local authority's vehicle" means a vehicle designed and constructed for use and used by a local authority or by any other person solely in connection with the repairing, cleansing or watering of roads, the collection or disposal of refuse or the collection or disposal of the contents of gullies or cesspools;

"locomotive" means a heavy locomotive or a light locomotive;

"main beam" means a beam of light emitted by a headlamp, being a beam which is not a dipped beam;

"motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 1(3) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955;

"moveable platform" means a platform which is attached to, and may be moved by means of, an extensible boom;

"new", in relation to a vehicle, means that:—

(*a*) in the case of a mechanically propelled vehicle not required to be registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**g**), or the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(**h**), the vehicle is supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the 1st October 1958;

(*b*) in the case of any other mechanically propelled vehicle, the vehicle is first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1949(**i**) or the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962 on or after the said date; and

(*c*) in the case of any vehicle not mechanically propelled, the vehicle is supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the said date;

"obligatory headlamp" means any headlamp required to be carried by a vehicle by Regulation 14(1);

"obligatory rear lamp" means a lamp showing to the rear a red light which is required to be carried under the Acts and these Regulations;

"obligatory side lamp" means a lamp showing to the front a white light which is required to be carried under the Acts and these Regulations;

"obligatory reflector" means a red reflector which is required to be carried under the Acts and these Regulations;

"outermost part", in relation to a vehicle, does not include a door, hinged side or other adjustable part of the vehicle when opened or extended or a driving mirror or a direction indicator;

(**g**) 1954, c. 17. (**h**) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13. (**i**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.