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# MOTOR VEHICLES: CONSTRUCTION AND USE

## The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968

REGULATIONS, DATED 19TH APRIL 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1955.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 4 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation*

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

**2.** The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967(b) shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 6(1), for the figures and word "13 metres", there were substituted the figures and word "15 metres";

(2) for Regulation 14 there were substituted the following Regulations:—

*"View to the front*

**14.** Every motor vehicle shall be so designed and constructed that the driver thereof while controlling the vehicle can at all times have a full view of the road and traffic ahead of the motor vehicle.

*Windscreen wipers*

**14A.**—(1) The windscreen of every motor vehicle, which is so constructed that the driver cannot obtain an adequate view to the front of the vehicle without looking through the windscreen by opening the windscreen or otherwise, shall be fitted with one or more efficient automatic windscreen wipers.

(2) Subject to the next following paragraph the windscreen wipers required by the last preceding paragraph shall be capable of clearing the windscreen so that the driver has an adequate view of the road in front of the near and off sides of the vehicle in addition to an adequate view to the front of the vehicle.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall apply in the case of vehicles registered on or after the 1st October 1969 on and after that date, and, in the case of vehicles registered before that date, on and after 1st October 1972, being in either case vehicles such as are described in paragraph (1).

*Windscreen washers*

**14B.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) every motor vehicle, the windscreen of which is required to be fitted with one or more efficient automatic

(a) 1955, c. 27. (b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1967, No. 75.

windscreen wipers by virtue of Regulation 14A or Regulation 46 of the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1960(c), shall be fitted with a windscreen washer capable of clearing, in conjunction with those windscreen wipers, the area of the windscreen swept by those windscreen wipers of mud or other similar deposit.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply to land tractors, vehicles which are incapable by reason of their construction of exceeding 20 miles per hour on the level under their own power or vehicles being used for the time being as stage carriages or on any journey incidental to such use and shall apply in respect of the vehicles specified in paragraph (3) of Regulation 14A as from the dates specified therein in relation to those vehicles.";

(3) for Regulation 48 (Overall length of Trailers) there were substituted the following Regulation:—

*"Overall length*

**48.**—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2), the overall length of a trailer shall not exceed 7 metres:

Provided that the said maximum length may be 12 metres in the case of a trailer which—

(*a*) has not less than 4 wheels and where the distance between the centres of the respective areas of contact with the road of the foremost and the rearmost wheels on the same side of the trailer is not less than three-fifths of its overall length; and

(*b*) is drawn by a motor vehicle having an unladen weight of 2 tons or more.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply—

(*a*) to a trailer constructed and normally used for the conveyance of indivisible loads of exceptional length;

(*b*) to a land implement;

(*c*) to a trailer forming part of an articulated vehicle;

(*d*) to any broken down vehicle which is being drawn by a motor vehicle in consequence of the breakdown;

(*e*) to a trailer which is a trolley vehicle in course of construction or delivery; or

(*f*) to any trailer which is drying or mixing plant designed for the production of asphalt or of bituminous or tar macadam and used mainly for the construction, repair or maintenance of roads or which is a road planing machine used as aforesaid if, in any such case, the overall length of the trailer together with that of the motor vehicle by which it is drawn does not exceed 60 feet.

(3) For the purposes of this Regulation, the overall length of a trailer shall be treated as excluding any part of the trailer designed primarily for use as a means of attaching it to another vehicle and any fitting designed for use in connection with any such part.";

(4) in Regulation 89, after paragraph (4), there were inserted the following paragraph:—

"(4A) Where a motor vehicle is drawing two trailers only one such trailer may exceed 7 metres in overall length, and, where a motor vehicle is drawing three trailers, no trailer in the combination of vehicles shall exceed 7 metres in overall length.";

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1960, No. 91.