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# MOTOR VEHICLES: USE AND CONSTRUCTION

## The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964

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

## PART I

## PRELIMINARY

*Commencement and Citation*

**1.** These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1964, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1964.

*Revocations*

**2.** The Regulations specified in the First Schedule are hereby revoked.

*Interpretation*

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

"agricultural trailer" means a trailer the property of a person engaged in agriculture which is not used on a road for the conveyance of any goods or burden other than agricultural produce or articles required for the purposes of agriculture;

"articulated vehicle" means a heavy motor car or a motor car with a trailer so attached to the drawing vehicle that part of the trailer is superimposed upon the drawing vehicle, and when the trailer is uniformly loaded not less than 20 per cent. of the weight of its load is borne by the drawing vehicle;

"close-coupled" in relation to a trailer means that the wheels on the same side of the trailer are so fitted that at all times while it is in motion they remain parallel to the longitudinal axis of the trailer, and that the distance between the centres of their respective areas of contact with the road surface does not exceed thirty-three inches;

"deck" means a floor or platform upon which seats are provided for the accommodation of passengers;

"double-decked vehicle" means a vehicle having two decks one of which is wholly or partly above the other and each deck of which is provided with a gangway serving seats on that deck only;

"gangway" means the space provided for obtaining access from any entrance to the passengers' seats or from any such seat to an exit other than an emergency exit but does not include a staircase or any space in front of a seat which is required only for the use of passengers occupying that seat;

"indivisible load" means a load which cannot without undue expense or risk of damage be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of conveyance on a road;

"land implement" means any implement or machinery used with a land locomotive or a land tractor in connection with agriculture, grass cutting, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations and includes a living van and any trailer which for the time being carries only the necessary gear or equipment of the land locomotive or land tractor which draws it;

(a) 1955. c. 27.

"land implement conveyor" means a trailer, having an unladen weight not exceeding ten hundredweight, which is specially designed and constructed for the conveyance of not more than one land implement and which is fitted with pneumatic tyres and drawn by a land locomotive or a land tractor;

"land locomotive" means a locomotive designed and used primarily for work on the land in connection with agriculture, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations, which is driven on a road only when proceeding to and from the site of such work and which when so driven hauls nothing other than land implements or land implement conveyors;

"land tractor" means a tractor, having an unladen weight not exceeding seven-and-one-quarter tons, designed and used primarily for work on the land in connection with agriculture, grass cutting, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations, being a vehicle which is—

(*a*) the property of a person engaged in agriculture or forestry or of a contractor engaged in the business of carrying out on farms or forestry estates any such operations as aforesaid;

(*b*) not constructed or adapted for the conveyance of a load other than—

(i) water, fuel, accumulators and other equipment used for the purpose of propulsion, loose tools and loose equipment;

(ii) a load (consisting of goods or burden of a description referred to in subsection (2) of section 10 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1959(**a**)) in or on any appliance which satisfies the conditions whereby the vehicle to which the said appliance is fitted does not, by virtue of the said section 10 and of any regulations made from time to time thereunder, becomes chargeable with duty as a goods vehicle; and

(iii) an implement fitted to the tractor and used for work on the land on farms or forestry estates in connection with any such operations as aforesaid;

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

"overall length" means the length of a vehicle measured between vertical planes at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points thereof exclusive of—

(*a*) any driving mirror;

(*b*) any starting handle;

(*c*) any hood when down;

(*d*) any expanding or extensible contrivance forming part of a turntable fire escape fixed to a vehicle;

(*e*) any telescopic fog lamp when extended;

(*f*) any snow-plough fixed in front of a vehicle;

(*g*) any post office letter box the length of which measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle does not exceed 12 inches; and

(*h*) any container specially designed to hold and keep secure a seal issued for the purposes of customs clearance,

and, except for the purposes of Regulation 89, exclusive of any front corner marker lamp or side marker lamp within the meaning of the Road Vehicles Lighting (Long Vehicles and Trailers) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(**b**) carried on the vehicle in accordance with those Regulations;

(**a**) 1959, c. 9. (**b**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 149.