EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations consolidate with amendments the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950, and the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1953. The Regulations also include new provisions made under the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955, as to reflectors and additional rear lights to be carried at night by vehicles.

The principal changes and additions are:—

1. Regulation 8 makes special provision for the position on certain vehicles of lamps which show to the front a white light and to the rear a red light.

2. Part IV of the Regulations and the First Schedule introduce as from 1st October, 1958, new requirements as to the position on vehicles of obligatory rear lamps, the number of which is, subject to certain exceptions, increased from 1st October, 1958, to two. Part IV also indicates the requirements as to conditions to be complied with by obligatory rear lamps.

3. Part VI of the Regulations and the Second Schedule introduce new requirements as to the position on vehicles of the two reflectors, or in some cases one reflector, which as from 1st October, 1958, are required to be carried by virtue of Section 32 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955, and lay down conditions to be complied with by such reflectors.

4. Under International Conventions on Motor Traffic certain vehicles brought temporarily into Northern Ireland are not at present required to carry reflectors. Part VII of the Regulations includes provision that mechanically-propelled vehicles and trailers brought temporarily into Northern Ireland need not carry reflectors.

5. Part VII also includes new provisions with regard to the parking of vehicles during the hours of darkness either without lights or with parking lights.

ROAD VEHICLES

REGULATIONS, DATED 3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1958, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1929(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

(a) 1929. Ch. 21.