1. In the proviso to Regulation 3 of the Motor Vehicles (Stop Lights) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954(a), after the word "which" there shall be inserted the following words:—

"(except when the stop light fitted on the right or offside of the vehicle is showing a flashing light as a direction indicator)."

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Stop Lights) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 12th day of December, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-seven, in the presence of

(L.S.) *J. B. O'Neill,*
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Stop Lights) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954, as follows:—

A duplicate stop light on the left or nearside of a vehicle may come into operation when the stop light on the right or offside of the vehicle is showing a flashing light as a direction indicator.

MOTOR VEHICLES: USE AND CONSTRUCTION

REGULATIONS, DATED 20TH NOVEMBER, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION FOUR OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND). 1955.

1957. No. 227 [C]

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

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of December, 1957, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1957".

2. The Motor Vehicles (Use and Construction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1956(c), shall have effect as though—

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1954. No. 76. (b) 1955, Ch. 27.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1956, No. 134

(1) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 3:—

(*a*) for the definition of "close-coupled" there were substituted the following definition:—

"'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";

(*b*) after the definition of "overhang" there were inserted the following definition:—

"'passenger vehicle' means a vehicle constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects";

(*c*) in the definition of "pneumatic tyre" for requirement (i) there were substituted the following requirement:—

"(i) it shall be provided with, or together with the wheel upon which it is mounted shall form, a continuous closed chamber inflated to a pressure substantially exceeding atmospheric pressure when the tyre is in the condition in which it is normally used, but is not subjected to any load";

(d) at the end of the definition of "works trailer" and at the end of the definition of "works truck" there were inserted the following words:—

"or in connection with road works while at or in the immediate neighbourhood of the site of such works";

(2) in paragraph (6) of Regulation 4, after the word "inclusive", there were inserted the word and figure "and 89";

(3) in Regulation 8, at the end of the proviso, there were inserted the following head:—

"or

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

(4) the operation of Regulation 11 were suspended until 1st November, 1959;

(5) for Regulation 15 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Mirrors*

15.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2)—

(*a*) as from the 1st October, 1958, the following motor vehicles, namely, every passenger vehicle adapted to carry more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver, and every goods vehicle, including every dual-purpose vehicle, shall be equipped with at least two mirrors; one of these shall be fitted externally on the off-side of the vehicle, and the other either internally or on the near-side externally; and the mirrors shall be so constructed and fitted to the

motor vehicle as to assist the driver, if he so desires, to become aware of traffic to the rear and on both sides rearwards;

(*b*) subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*), every motor vehicle shall be equipped either internally or externally with a mirror so constructed and fitted to the motor vehicle as to assist the driver, if he so desires, to become aware of traffic to the rear of the vehicle.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to:—

(*a*) a two-wheeled motor cycle with or without a sidecar attached;

(*b*) a land locomotive;

(*c*) a motor vehicle when drawing a trailer if a person is carried on the trailer in a position which affords an uninterrupted view to the rear and such a person is provided with efficient means of communicating to the driver the effect of signals given by the drivers of other vehicles in rear thereof;

(*d*) a works truck if the driver can easily obtain a clear view of traffic to the rear; or

(*e*) a pedestrian controlled vehicle.";

(6) for Regulation 16 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"*Safety glass*

16.—(1) In the case of motor vehicles registered on or after the 1st July, 1959—

(*a*) being passenger vehicles or dual-purpose vehicles, the glass of windscreens and all windows on the outside

(*b*) being goods vehicles, other than dual-purpose vehicles, the glass of windscreens and all windows in front and on either side of the driver's seat

shall be safety glass.

(2) Save as provided in paragraph (1) the glass of windscreens and windows facing to the front on the outside of any motor vehicle, except glass fitted to the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle, shall be safety glass.

For the purposes of this paragraph any windscreen or window at the front of the vehicle the inner surface of which is at an angle exceeding 30 degrees to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle shall be deemed to face to the front.";

(7) in Regulation 32 after proviso (*b*) there were inserted the following proviso:—

"(*bb*) in the case of a heavy motor car designed and mainly used as a fire-fighting appliance and not exceeding 20 feet in overall length, the overhang may be increased by not more than 9 inches, but shall in no case exceed 7/24ths of the overall length;";