Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Agriculture of Northern Ireland this 31st day of July, 1957.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport*).

These amending Regulations will permit, subject to approval by the Ministry of Agriculture, the use on milk bottles of advertising material intended to promote sales of liquid milk and cream.

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THE MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS, 1957

REGULATIONS, DATED 31ST JULY, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTIONS NINE, SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, TWENTY, AND TWENTY-FOUR OF THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954(a) AND ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1955(b).

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The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of its powers under sections nine, sixteen, seventeen, twenty and twenty-four of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, and Articles 1 and 2 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

International Circulation Permits

1.—(1) Subject to the provisions of these regulations, a person bringing a motor vehicle into Northern Ireland shall be granted an international circulation permit (which, in accordance with

(a) 1954 (N.I.) c. 17. (b) S.R. & O. 1955/113.

Article 1 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Order, 1955, will exempt the vehicle from duty under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, during the currency of the permit) if he—

(*a*) furnishes a registration authority with such particulars as are specified in the First Schedule to these regulations, and

(*b*) satisfies the registration authority that he is resident outside the United Kingdom and that the motor vehicle is only temporarily in Northern Ireland, and

(*c*) produces for the vehicle a certificate of insurance or certificate of security valid for the currency of the permit to be issued or an insurance card valid at the time it is produced, and

(*d*) in the case of a vehicle constructed or adapted to be used for the conveyance of goods or burden, satisfies the registration authority that it is not intended during the currency of the permit so to use the vehicle in the United Kingdom for hire or reward or for or in connection with a trade or business.

(2) An international circulation permit shall not be granted for a public service vehicle, heavy locomotive, light locomotive or motor tractor.

(3) An international circulation permit shall be in the form in, and contain the particulars required by, the Second Schedule to these regulations.

(4) In this regulation—

"certificate of insurance" and "certificate of security" have the same meanings as in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1930(**a**);

"insurance card" has the same meaning as in the Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1957(**b**);

"heavy locomotive," "light locomotive" and "motor tractor" have the meanings assigned to them by subsection (1) of section three of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1955(**c**);

"public service vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926(**d**).

2.—(1) An international circulation permit shall not be granted for a period any part of which falls after the ninetieth day from the date on which the vehicle was last brought into Northern Ireland, and the periods for which international circulation permits may be granted to any person in any one calendar year shall not exceed ninety days in all:

(**a**) 20 & 21 Geo. 5, (N.I.) c. 24.
(**b**) S.R. & O. 1957/90.
(**c**) 1955 (N.I.), c. 27.
(**d**) 16 & 17 Geo. 5, (N.I.) c. 31.

Provided that an international circulation permit issued on production of a fiscal permit may notwithstanding the foregoing limitations be granted for any period within the currency of the fiscal permit so long as the period or periods for which international circulation permits are granted which fall within the currency of that international fiscal permit do not exceed ninety days in all.

(2) In determining under this regulation the period for which an international circulation permit may be issued, account shall be taken of any permit issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to these regulations, as if it were a permit issued under these regulations.

3.—(1) The following provisions of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947(a), that is to say—

(*a*) paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 4 and the Third Schedule (which specify the manner in which an excise licence is to be displayed on a vehicle),

(*b*) regulation 5 (which relates to defacements and mutilations of such a licence),

(*c*) regulation 12 (which relates to duplicates),

shall apply in relation to a permit under these regulations as they apply in relation to an excise licence but with the substitution of references to the registration authority for the references to the Council.

(2) The said sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 4 of the said Regulations of 1947 and the Third Schedule thereto shall apply in like manner in relation to a permit issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to these regulations for a motor vehicle subsequently brought into Northern Ireland.

4.—(1) Where a vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is in force—

(*a*) is sold or transferred, or

(*b*) is removed to a country outside the United Kingdom, or

(*c*) is destroyed,

the holder of the international circulation permit shall surrender it to a registration authority informing them, in a case where the vehicle has been sold or transferred, of the name of the new owner and of his address, if any, in the United Kingdom.

(2) The holder of an international circulation permit which has expired shall surrender it to a registration authority or, if he is applying to a Council for an excise licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954, to that Council.

(3) The holder of an international circulation permit may, before the expiration of the permit, surrender it to a registration authority and thereupon the permit shall cease to be valid.

(4) The registration authority or Council to whom an international circulation permit is surrendered shall forward

(a) S.R. & O. 1947/167, p. 242.

that permit to the London County Council and inform them of the date of surrender.

(5) In this regulation references to a registration authority include references to any authority having power to issue a permit in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to these regulations.

Registration marks for vehicles carrying international circulation permits

5.—(1) A registration authority shall assign to a vehicle for which they issue an international circulation permit a registration mark which shall be—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle in respect of which a visitor's registration document is produced, the registration mark recorded in that document, and

(*b*) in the case of any other vehicle, a registration mark consisting of the letters QI or QZ, and of a registered number.

(2) During the currency of an international circulation permit, regulations 21, 22 and 25 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, and the Fifth Schedule thereto, shall apply to the vehicle to which the permit relates as if references therein to the identification mark were references to the registration mark assigned to the vehicle under this regulation, and shall so apply to the exclusion of regulation 26 of those Regulations (which would otherwise apply instead of regulations 22 and 25 in the case of a vehicle registered for the first time on or after the first day of January, 1948):

Provided that—

(*a*) the said regulation 21 and the said Fifth Schedule (which impose requirements as to the size, shape and character of identification marks) shall not apply as respects a registration mark assigned under sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation if the corresponding requirements of the law under which, or authority by whom, the registration mark was issued are complied with, and if any letters in the registration mark are in Roman characters, and any figures ordinary European numerals,

(*b*) a registration mark assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*) need not be exhibited at the front of the vehicle if that is not required by the law under which, or the authority by whom, the registration mark was issued.

(3) During the currency of an international circulation permit issued for a vehicle to which a registration mark was assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*) a nationality sign, indicating the country under the law of which it was issued, shall be exhibited at the back of the vehicle so as to be clearly distinguishable:

Provided that no nationality sign need be shown on a vehicle in a case where the visitor's registration document

produced in respect of the vehicle is one which falls within paragraph (*c*) of the definition of that expression in these regulations.

(4) During the currency of an international circulation permit, regulation 23 of the said Regulations of 1947 shall apply to any trailer drawn by the vehicle to which the permit relates as if references therein to the identification mark were references to the registration mark assigned to the vehicle under this regulation:

Provided that in a case where—

(*a*) the registration mark was assigned under the said sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, and

(*b*) the trailer has been brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom,

a registration number allotted to the trailer under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1949 may be exhibited at the back of the trailer instead of the said registration mark.

(5) When a vehicle which in pursuance of this regulation must carry a nationality sign is drawing one or more trailers, the nationality sign shall be carried in like manner at the back of the trailer or rearmost trailer:

Provided that a trailer carrying a registration number in pursuance of the proviso to the last foregoing paragraph shall carry a nationality sign indicating the country under the law of which that registration number was issued (if different to the country under the law of which the registration mark was issued) instead of the other nationality sign

(6) During the currency of an international circulation permit issued for a vehicle in respect of which a visitor's registration document was produced and to which a registration mark was assigned under sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this regulation, paragraph (2) of regulation 6 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947 (which authorises a police officer or Local Taxation Officer to demand the production of a registration book) shall apply to the visitor's registration document as it applies to a registration book.

(7) Paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this regulation shall apply with the necessary modifications in relation to a vehicle for which a permit is issued in Great Britain under provisions corresponding to the provisions of these regulations and which is subsequently brought into Northern Ireland.

6.—(1) Where a registration authority assign a registration mark to a vehicle under sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of the last foregoing regulation, they shall issue with the international circulation permit a registration card containing such particulars as the Ministry may direct.

(2) If, on any occasion, the holder of an international circulation permit surrenders it in accordance with regulation 4