PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH JULY, 1955, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION NINETEEN OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by section nineteen of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, and of all other powers enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. For paragraph (4) of Regulation 19 of the Principal Regulations there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

"(4) (*a*) The number of passengers carried on an omnibus shall not exceed the seating capacity ascertained in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph: Provided that:—

(i) for the purposes of this sub-paragraph a child under the age of seven years shall not be regarded as a person;

(ii) in the case of an omnibus specially hired for the conveyance of children to or from school or to or from the seaside or for the purpose of a tour or journey to any place or through any district, any three children under the age of fifteen years, when they are carried on a single-decked vehicle or on the lower deck of of a double-decked vehicle, shall be regarded as two persons;

(iii) where between the hours of eight in the morning and half-past five in the afternoon, children are travelling to or from school in an omnibus to which sub-paragraph (ii) does not apply, any three children under the age of 15 years, when they are carried on a single-decked vehicle or on the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle, shall be regarded as two persons, so, however, that in determining the total number of children which may be so carried, the seating capacity of the single-decked vehicle or the lower deck of the double-decked vehicle, as the case may be, shall be reduced by six;

(iv) an omnibus which carries a conductor may carry a number of standing passengers not exceeding one-third of the number of passengers for which the vehicle, or in the case of a double-decked vehicle the lower deck, has seating capacity, or eight, whichever number is the lesser, if the standing