1. Paragraph (*c*) of Article 47 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted and the following paragraph substituted therefor:—

"(*c*) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of passengers in or on or entering or alighting from such omnibus."

2. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this seventh day of April one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. J. Thompson,*
Assistant Secretary.

Road Traffic

Pedestrian Crossings

REGULATIONS DATED THE 29TH DAY OF JUNE, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1929.

1954. No. 101.

The Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry"), in exercise of its powers under section 8 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1929 (**a**), as amended by section 44 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (**b**), and of all other powers in that behalf enabling it hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1955, and may be cited as the Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

(2) The Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1937 (**c**) are hereby revoked, without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything done thereunder or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the coming into operation of these Regulations.

2.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"crossing" means a crossing for foot-passengers established on any road in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations;

"uncontrolled crossing" means a crossing—

(*a*) to which the provisions of Part II of the First Schedule to these Regulations apply and the presence and limits of which are indicated in accordance with the provisions of that Schedule; and

(*b*) at which traffic is not for the time being controlled by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;

(**a**) 20 Geo. 5 C. 21 (N.I.).
(**b**) 24 & 25 Geo. 5, C. 15 (N.I.).
(**c**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1937, No. 22.

" carriageway " does not include that part of any road which consists of a street refuge or central reservation, whether within the limits of a crossing or not;

" central reservation " means any provision made in a road, not being the provision of a street refuge, for dividing the road for the safety or guidance of vehicular traffic;

" one-way street " means any road in which the driving of vehicles otherwise than in one direction is prohibited at all times.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (a), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921 (b), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Every crossing and its limits shall be indicated in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule to these Regulations.

4. Every foot-passenger on the carriageway within the limits of an uncontrolled crossing shall have precedence within those limits over any vehicle and the driver of the vehicle shall accord such precedence to the foot-passenger, if the foot-passenger is on the carriageway within those limits before the vehicle or any part thereof has come on to the carriageway within those limits.

For the purpose of this Regulation, in the case of such a crossing on which there is a street refuge or central reservation the parts of the crossing which are situate on each side of the street refuge or central reservation as the case may be shall each be treated as a separate crossing.

5. The driver of a vehicle shall not cause the vehicle or any part thereof to stop within the limits of a crossing unless either he is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control or it is necessary for him to stop in order to avoid accident.

6. Save as provided in Regulation 7 of these Regulations or for the purpose of complying with Regulation 4 of these Regulations, the driver of a vehicle shall not cause the vehicle or any part thereof to stop on the carriageway between—

(*a*) an uncontrolled crossing, the approach to which is indicated by a pattern of studs as provided in paragraph 8 of Part II of the First Schedule to these Regulations, and

(*b*) the line of studs in that pattern situate furthest from the crossing

on the side of the road on which the pattern of studs is placed or, if the road is a one-way street, on either side of the road.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(b) 12 Geo. 5. c. 4 (N.I.).

For the purposes of this Regulation, the expression "vehicle" shall not include a pedal bicycle not having a sidecar attached thereto, whether additional means of propulsion by mechanical power are attached to the bicycle or not.

7. A vehicle shall not by Regulation 6 of these Regulations be prevented from stopping in any length of road on any side thereof—

(*a*) if the driver is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control or it is necessary for him to stop in order to avoid accident; or

(*b*) for so long as may be necessary to enable the vehicle, if it cannot be used for such purpose without stopping in that length of road, to be used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes, or in connection with any building operation or demolition, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of that length of road, or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near to that length of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telegraph or telephone wires, cables, posts or supports.

8. No foot-passenger shall remain on the carriageway within the limits of a crossing longer than is necessary for the purpose of passing over the crossing with reasonable despatch.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this Twenty Ninth day of June, One thousand Nine hundred and Fifty-four in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. J. Thompson,*

Assistant Secretary.

FIRST SCHEDULE

PART I

1.—(1) Every crossing and its limits shall be indicated by two lines of studs placed across the carriageway in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) Each line formed by the outside edges of the studs shall be so separated from the other line so formed that no point on one line shall be less than 8 feet nor more than 16 feet or such greater distance (not being more than 33 feet) as the Ministry may authorise in writing in the case of any particular crossing from the nearest point on the other line:

Provided that the preceding provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be regarded as having been complied with in the case of any crossing which for the most part complies with those provisions notwithstanding that those provisions may not be so complied with as respects the distance from one or more points on one line to the nearest point on the other line, so long as the general indication of the lines is not thereby materially impaired.

(3) The studs of which each line is constituted shall be so placed that the distance from the centre of any one stud to the centre of the next stud in the line is not less than 10 inches nor more than 28 inches, and a distance of not more than 50 inches is left between the edge of the carriageway at either end of the line and the centre of the stud nearest thereto:

Provided that the preceding provisions of this sub-paragraph shall be regarded as having been complied with in the case of any line where most of the studs constituting it comply with those provisions notwithstanding that those provisions may not be complied with as respects one or more such studs, so long as the general indication of the line is not thereby materially impaired.

(4) Studs shall not be fitted with reflecting lenses and shall be—

(*a*) white, silver or light grey in colour;

(*b*) square or circular in plan, the sides of a square stud not being less than $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches nor more than $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches in length and the diameter of a circular stud not being less than $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches nor more than $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches; and

(*c*) so fixed that they do not project more than $\frac{5}{8}$ of an inch above the carriageway at their highest points nor more than $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch at their edges.

2. A crossing or its limits shall not be deemed to have ceased to be indicated in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Part of this Schedule by reason only of the discoloration or temporary removal or displacement of one or more studs in any line so long as the general indication of the line is not thereby materially impaired.

PART II

3. The provisions of this Part of this Schedule shall apply to every crossing where apparatus for the emission of light signals for the control of traffic is not installed.

4. Without derogation from the provisions of Part I of this Schedule every crossing to which the provisions of this Part of this Schedule apply shall be further indicated in accordance with the following provisions of this Part of this Schedule.

5.—(1) The carriageway shall be marked within the limits of every such crossing with a pattern of alternate black and white stripes: