2. The Mental Health (Qualifications of Medical Officers and Medical Practitioners) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950(a), shall have effect as if in Regulation 2 thereof after the words "of the Act" there were inserted the words "and a medical officer or a medical practitioner who examines a person and furnishes a certificate for the purposes of section 42 of the Act".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland this fifth day of March, 1954, in the presence of

(L.S.) *W. McCaughey,*
Assistant Secretary.

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MOTOR VEHICLES

Direction Indicators

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, 1954, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER THE LOCOMOTIVES ON HIGHWAYS ACT, 1896, AND THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACTS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926 TO 1945.

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The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, and the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Acts (Northern Ireland), 1926 to 1945, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicators) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1954.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicator and Stop Light) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1936 (b), and the Motor Vehicles (Direction Indicator and Stop Light) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1952 (c), are hereby revoked.

(a) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1950 No. 147.
(b) S.R. & O. N.I.) 1936 No. 75.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1952 No 205.

3. In these Regulations, and in the Schedule thereto, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

(*a*) "direction indicator" means a device fitted to a motor vehicle or to a trailer for the purpose of intimating the intention of the driver to change the direction of the vehicle to the right or to the left;

(*b*) "trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle;

(*c*) "close-coupled" in relation to any two wheels of a vehicle means that those two wheels are both fitted on the same side of the vehicle, are not steerable and are so fitted that the distance between them measured horizontally and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle between the centres of the areas of contact of the wheels with the road surface does not exceed 33 inches;

(*d*) "omnibus" means a public service vehicle seating more than six persons in addition to the driver.

4. Every motor vehicle or trailer which is fitted with a direction indicator shall as respects that indicator comply with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations:—

(*a*) if it is a vehicle fitted with electric lighting equipment, with either the provisions of Part I of the said Schedule or the provisions of Part II of the said Schedule; or

(*b*) if it is not a vehicle so fitted, with the provisions of Part III of the said Schedule.

5. Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to require that direction indicators should be fitted to any vehicle.

6. Nothing in these Regulations shall in any way affect or apply to trolley vehicles authorised by the Belfast Corporation Act (Northern Ireland), 1930.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this Twenty-Seventh day of May, One thousand, nine hundred and fifty-four, in the presence of

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

Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

Provisions to be complied with as respects Direction Indicators on vehicles fitted with electric lighting equipment.

PART I

1. Every direction indicator fitted to a vehicle in compliance with this Part of this Schedule shall be, when in operation, in the form of an illuminated sign of a minimum illuminated length of 6 inches and a maximum illuminated breadth not exceeding one-fourth of the illuminated length, and shall show either a steady or a flashing light.

2. Save as provided in the next following paragraph as respects additional indicators, every direction indicator shall be so designed and fitted that—

(*a*) it is not more than 6 feet behind the base of the windscreen; and

(*b*) when in operation—

(i) it temporarily alters the outline of the vehicle to the extent of at least 6 inches measured horizontally;

(ii) the outermost point of the direction indicator is at least 6 inches further from the longitudinal axis of the vehicle than is the outermost point of the driver's cab, or of the side of the body immediately behind the driver's seat;

(iii) the illuminated surface is visible at a reasonable distance both from the front and the rear of the vehicle; and

(iv) it remains steady:

Provided that sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph shall not apply in the case of a pillarless saloon motor car if the direction indicator is not situated behind the widest part of the body. For the purposes of this proviso a pillarless saloon motor car means a motor car which has an enclosed body and four doors and no vertical pillar between the doors on either side, and is constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and adapted to carry not more than seven passengers exclusive of the driver.

3.—(1) An additional indicator may be fitted at the rear of any vehicle on any side to which there is fitted an indicator not being an additional indicator. Such additional indicator shall either—

(*a*) be in the form specified in paragraph 1 of this Part of this Schedule and shall, except when a trailer is being drawn, be visible at a reasonable distance from any point in the rear of the vehicle; or

(*b*) comply with the requirements of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 of Part II of this Schedule as respects indicators showing a flashing light to the rear.

(2) Every additional indicator shall be so constructed and fitted as to be incapable of operating otherwise than coincidentally with the indicator, not being an additional indicator, fitted to the same side of the vehicle.

4. Any direction indicator intended to indicate a righthand turn shall be fitted only to the right of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and one intended to indicate a lefthand turn shall be fitted only to the left of that axis:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to any direction indicator being an additional indicator fitted to a vehicle before the 1st April, 1955.