Each vehicle, the overall length of which exceeds 27 feet, shall be able to turn in either direction in a circle not exceeding sixty-six feet in diameter as determined by the extreme outer edge of the wheel track at ground level."

3.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as " The Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950."

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889 (**a**), shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of these Regulations in like manner as it applies, by virtue of the interpretation Act, 1921 (**b**), for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of the Parliament of Northern Ireland.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 1st day of November, 1950, in the presence of :—

(L.S.) *Arthur Acheson Farrell,*
Assistant Secretary.

Road Vehicles (Lighting)

REGULATIONS, DATED THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1950, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1934.

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The Ministry of Commerce, in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (**c**) (hereinafter referred to as " the Act "), and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations relative to the lighting of road vehicles and matters incidental thereto :

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1951, and may be cited as " The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1950 ". Commencement and Citation.

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1938 (**d**), and the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1949 (**e**), 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 date of the coming into operation of these Regulations. Revocation.

(**a**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (**b**) 12 Geo. 5 Ch. 4 (N.I.).
(**c**) 24 and 25 Geo. 5, c. 15. (**d**) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1938, No. 64.
(**e**) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1949, No. 182.

Definition.

3. For the purpose of these Regulations the expression "omnibus" means a public service vehicle as defined by Section 43 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1934 (**a**), seating more than six persons in addition to the driver thereof.

Application to Motor Vehicles of Temporary Visitors to Northern Ireland.

4. These Regulations shall not apply to any motor vehicle brought temporarily into Northern Ireland by a person resident outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and intending only to make a temporary stay in Northern Ireland while the said vehicle is being used by such person during his stay, provided that such vehicle complies in every respect with the requirements of Paragraphs IV, V, VI and VII of Article 3 of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic (**b**) concluded at Paris on the 24th day of April, 1926.

Interpretation.

5. The Interpretation Act, 1889 (**c**), as applied to Northern Ireland by the Interpretation Act, 1921, applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Position of Obligatory Front Lamps.

6. Subject to the provisions of Regulation 8 of these Regulations every lamp showing to the front a white light required to be carried on any vehicle under the Act and these Regulations (such lamps being hereinafter in these Regulations referred to as "obligatory front lamps") shall —

(*a*) except in the case of an omnibus be fixed so that the centre of the lamp is at a height not exceeding 5 feet from the ground, provided that in the case of a vehicle drawn by two or more horses or other animals the lamp may be fixed so that the centre of the lamp is at a height not exceeding 5 feet 9 inches from the ground;

(*b*) except in the case of a bicycle, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise, be so fixed that no part of the vehicle or its equipment (exclusive of the driving mirror and of any direction indicator when in operation) extends laterally on the same side as the lamp more than 12 inches beyond the centre of the lamp; and

(*c*) in the case of vehicles drawn by horses or other animals be so fixed that the centre of the lamp is not in the case of such a vehicle having only one axle in the rear of that axle, and in the case of such a vehicle (other than a brougham) having more than one axle more than 1 foot 6 inches behind the front axle when the front axle and the rear axle are parallel.

7. Where two obligatory front lamps are carried on any vehicle they shall be fixed on opposite sides of the vehicle and, except in the

(a) 24 and 25 Geo. 5, c. 15. (b) Treaty Series No. 11 (1930).
(c) 52 and 53 Vict. c. 63.

case of a bicycle having a sidecar attached thereto, shall be fixed at the same height from the ground.

Position of Front Lamps carried by Motor Vehicles first registered on or after 1st January, 1952.

8. In the case of a motor vehicle first registered under the Roads Act, 1920 (**a**), on or after 1st January, 1952, every lamp showing a light to the front to which the provisions of Regulation 9 of these Regulations apply shall be so fixed that the centre of the lamp is —

(*a*) not more than 3 feet 6 inches from the ground ; and

(*b*) except in the case of a lamp which is used only in conditions of fog or whilst snow is falling, not less than 2 feet 2 inches from the ground.

Character of Front Lamps.

9.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (3) of this Regulation and except in the case of a pedal bicycle the provisions of this Regulation shall apply to every lamp the light of which is derived from an acetylene burner or an electric bulb.

(2) No lamp showing a light to the front shall be used on any vehicle unless such lamp is so constructed, fitted and maintained that the beam of light emitted therefrom —

(i) is permanently deflected downwards to such an extent that it is at all times incapable of dazzling any person standing on the same horizontal plane as the vehicle at a greater distance than twenty-five feet from the lamp whose eye-level is not less than 3 feet 6 inches above that plane ; or

(ii) can be deflected downwards or both downwards and to the left at the will of the driver in such manner as to render it incapable of dazzling any such person in the circumstances aforesaid ; or

(iii) can be extinguished by the operation of a device which at the same time causes a beam of light to be emitted from the lamp which complies with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph ; or

(iv) can be extinguished by the operation of a device which at the same time either deflects the beam of light from another lamp downwards or both downwards and to the left in such manner as to render it incapable of dazzling any such person in the circumstances aforesaid, or brings into or leaves in operation a lamp or lamps (other than the obligatory front lamps) which complies or comply with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph.

Provided that a lamp (unless it is used only in conditions of fog or whilst snow is falling) shall not be held to comply with sub-paragraph (i) of this paragraph unless it is also so fixed that its centre is not less than 2

(a) 10 and 11 Geo. 5 c. 72.