Public Service Vehicles (Construction)

THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1949, DATED THE 8TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1949, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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The Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as " the Ministry "), in exercise of the powers vested in it by Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926, and of all other powers in that behalf thereunto enabling it hereby makes the following Regulations, further amending the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) Regulations, 1932 (**a**) (hereinafter referred to as " the principal Regulations "), that is to say :—

1. The principal Regulations shall have effect as though the following Regulation were inserted immediately after Regulation 4 thereof —

" 4 (A). For the purpose of these Regulations any two wheels of a public service vehicle shall be regarded as one wheel if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 18 inches."

2. The following paragraphs shall be substituted for paragraph 2 in Part I of the Schedule to the principal Regulations as amended by the Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations, 1940 (**b**) —

" **2.**—(1) *Weight.* The sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface

(*a*) by all the wheels of a vehicle with not more than four wheels shall not exceed 12 tons, and by all the wheels of a vehicle with more than four wheels shall not exceed 14 tons ; and

(*b*) by any two wheels of a vehicle in line transversely shall not exceed 8 tons.

2.—(2) For the purpose of this Regulation the weight transmitted to the road surface by a vehicle shall be taken to be the weight so transmitted by the vehicle when it is complete and fully equipped for service with a full supply of water, oil and fuel and loaded with weights of 140 lbs. per person placed in the correct relative positions for each passenger for whom a seat is provided and for the driver and conductor (if carried)."

3. The Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations, 1940 (**b**), are hereby revoked.

(a) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1932, No. 68 ; (b) S. R. & O. (N.I.), 1940, No. 70.