" (*c*) No vehicle shall exceed fifteen feet in height.

The height from the ground to the highest point of the roof of the lower deck of a double decked vehicle must not exceed nine feet three inches."

(4) the following sub-paragraph were added to paragraph 31 in Part I of the Schedule thereto :—

" (*d*) In the case of the top deck of a double decked vehicle registered for the first time on or after the 1st April, 1948, no part of any gangway may project into the compartment or other space provided for the accommodation of the driver."

2. These Regulations may be cited as " The Public Service Vehicles (Construction) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland this 28th day of November, One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven, in the presence of

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

Road Vehicles : Registration and Licensing

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH OCTOBER, 1947, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE ROADS ACT, 1920.

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The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under or by virtue of The Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, the Roads Act, 1920, and the Orders in Council made thereunder, Section 13 of the Finance Act, 1920, Section 5 of Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, the Ministries Act (Northern Ireland), 1944, the Ministries (Transfer of Functions) (No. 3) Order, 1944, and the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, and every other power hereunto enabling it, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as " The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, and shall come into force on the first day of November, 1947.

(2) The Regulations specified in the First Schedule to these Regulations 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.

(3) In these Regulations the expression " Council " means County Council as defined in the Roads Act, 1920.

The expression " approved " means approved by the Ministry.

The expression " Local Taxation Officer " means the selected officers of the Council to whom powers or duties exercisable or performed by officers of Customs and Excise have been delegated by the Council.

The expression " prescribed form " means such one of the forms indicated in the Second Schedule hereto as may be appropriate such forms being obtainable on application either at a Money Order Post Office or at the Office of the Council, as stated in the Second Schedule.

The expression " owner " means the person by whom the vehicle or the carriage as the case may be is kept and used, and the expression " ownership " shall be construed accordingly.

The expression " General Trade Licence " means a licence to which paragraph (*a*) of Sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, relates.

The expression " Limited Trade Licence " means a licence to which paragraph (*b*) of Sub-section (2) of Section 5 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, relates.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these regulations in like manner as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Part I.

Licensing and Registration of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles.

2. The owner of a mechanically propelled vehicle who desires to obtain a licence for such vehicle shall apply either to the Council in whose area such vehicle will be ordinarily kept or where the owner has not previously obtained or had transferred to him in accordance with Regulation 9 (2) hereof a licence in respect of the vehicle to the Council in whose area such vehicle shall be at the time of the application by means of a declaration in the prescribed form.

Provided that if such vehicle is thereafter to be ordinarily kept in the area of another Council, the Council issuing the licence shall transfer the Registration Book to be issued in respect of the vehicle under these Regulations direct together with the declaration and other registration papers (if any) to the other Council, and the vehicle shall, thereafter, be registered in the Register of that Council and the Registration Book shall be forwarded by that Council to the holder of the licence.

3. A vehicle shall be deemed to be ordinarily kept in the area of the Council in whose area is situated the garage or other place in which the vehicle is ordinarily kept.

Provided that where the owner satisfies the Council of the area in which he declares his principal place of business or usual place of abode to be situated that a vehicle is not ordinarily kept in any one area, application for a licence may be made to that Council and a licence issued by them.

4.—(1) For the purpose of this Regulation the term "licence" includes a licence for the next ensuing licensing period issued in advance by any Council or Post Office.

(2) In the case of all mechanically propelled vehicles (except tramcars) the licence shall be attached to and carried on the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is in use on a public road and, subject as herein provided, in a holder in compliance with the specification set out in the Third Schedule hereto.

(3) The licence shall be carried on the vehicle :—

(*a*) In the case of motor cycles (including motor scooters), motor cycles with trailer, tricycles and invalid carriages :—
In a conspicuous position on the near side of the vehicle in front of the driving seat ;

(*b*) In the case of motor cycles with sidecar :—
On the near side of the handle-bar of the cycle or the near side of the combination in front of the driving seat ; and

(*c*) In the case of all other vehicles (except when placed on or adjacent to the wind screen as hereinafter provided) :—
On the near side of the vehicle facing toward the near side of the road and not less than 2 feet 6 inches nor more than 6 feet 6 inches from the ground level between two parallel lines, the first drawn vertically through the rear-most part of the driving seat or cab (or where no such fitting exists the foot plate), and the second drawn vertically 6 inches in front of the base of the front glass wind screen where fitted, or where no such wind screen is fitted, through a point 4 feet forward of the first line.
Provided that in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front glass wind screen extending across the vehicle to the near side, the licence may be carried facing forwards on the near (left) lower corner of the glass of such wind screen, or within 2 inches of the glass either in front or behind it and so as to be clearly visible from in front at all times by daylight whether such vehicle is moving or stationary. In the event of the licence being carried actually upon a glass portion of the vehicle, and otherwise complying with this Regulation, the obligation that it shall be carried in a metal holder with a transparent glass cover shall not be enforced if it is carried in a weatherproof licence container.

The licence shall be placed and carried (except when placed on or adjacent to the wind screen as hereinbefore provided) so as to be clearly visible at all times by daylight to a person standing at the near side of the vehicle, whether such vehicle is moving or stationary.

5. No person shall (either by writing, drawing or in any other manner) alter, deface, mutilate or add anything to any licence for any

mechanically propelled vehicle nor shall any person exhibit upon any mechanically propelled vehicle any licence which has been altered, defaced, mutilated or added to as aforesaid or upon which the figures or particulars have become illegible or the colour has become altered by fading or otherwise nor shall any person exhibit any colourable imitation of any licence.

6.—(1) A Registration Book containing such particulars relative to the vehicle in respect of which it is issued as the Ministry may from time to time direct shall be issued to every owner of a mechanically propelled vehicle (other than a tramcar) in respect of which a licence is issued except in those cases where the form of declaration appropriate to over six vehicles of uniform type in the same ownership (Form RF. 6) has been used. In cases where Form RF. 6 has been used the owner shall before selling or otherwise disposing of a vehicle included in such declaration, apply to the Council by whom the vehicle is registered for a Registration Book in respect of such vehicle and upon receipt of such application the Council shall issue such Registration Book.

(2) The Registration Book shall be produced for inspection by the owner at any reasonable time upon request of a Police Officer or Local Taxation Officer.

(3) No person shall deface or mutilate any Registration Book or alter or obliterate any entry made therein or (except as provided by these Regulations) make any entry in or addition to such Registration Book.

7. If any alteration (other that an alteration of the nature referred to in Regulation 8 hereof) shall be made in a vehicle after it has been licensed and registered which affects the registration particulars contained in the last declaration made in respect of the vehicle, the owner shall forthwith, in writing, notify such alteration to the Council with whom such vehicle is registered and at the same time deliver up to that Council his Registration Book for amendment.

Provided that where such alteration renders inaccurate any of the particulars shown upon the licence for the vehicle, he shall also at the same time deliver up the licence for the vehicle to the Council, who shall forthwith issue without charge an amended licence showing the particulars so notified.

8. If the character or the use of a vehicle shall be altered so as to render payable under Section 4 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1922, duty at a higher rate than that at which duty has been paid the owner shall deliver to the Council a new declaration appropriate to the altered conditions together with the licence and the Registration Book and shall pay the difference between the amount of the duty which would at the rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle before the alteration in character or use be payable on a new licence for the period commencing at the date when the higher rate of duty became applicable

and expiring at the end of the period for which the licence was originally issued, and the amount of the duty which would be payable on a new licence for the like period at the rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle as altered in character or use and the Council shall, subject to the proviso to Regulation 13 of these Regulations, issue to him an amended licence and return the Registration Book.

9.—(1) On the sale or other change of ownership of a vehicle the then owner of the vehicle shall deliver the Registration Book to the transferee or other new owner and forthwith notify in writing the change of ownership to the Council whose name appears in the Registration Book as the last registration authority stating the index mark and registration number, the make and class of vehicle and the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle has been transferred.

(2) The transferee or other new owner of the vehicle shall if he does not intend to use the vehicle (otherwise than under a General Trade Licence or a Limited Trade Licence) forthwith notify in writing such change of ownership to the Council referred to in paragraph (1) of this Regulation stating the index mark and registration number, the make and class of vehicle and the name and address of the person from whom such vehicle has been transferred, but if he intends to use the vehicle (otherwise than under a General Trade Licence or Limited Trade Licence) upon any roads repairable at the public expense he shall before so using the vehicle insert his name and address in the appropriate part of the Registration Book and deliver it to such Council and unless the current licence has been delivered to him by the then owner, which delivery if the provisions of this regulation are otherwise complied with shall operate as a transfer of the said licence, shall obtain a licence in respect of the vehicle in accordance with these Regulations. The Council shall in due course return the Registration Book to the transferee or other new owner unless the vehicle is ordinarily to be kept in the area of another Council in which case the Council receiving the Registration Book as aforesaid shall transfer the Registration Book direct together with the declaration and other registration papers (if any) to the other Council and the vehicle shall, thereafter, be registered in the register of that Council and the Registration Book shall be forwarded by that Council to the transferee or other new owner. Upon expiry of the current licence (if so transferred) the transferee or other new owner shall, if he intends to renew the licence, make application therefor under the provisions of Regulation 2 hereof.

10. On a change of address the owner shall enter particulars of his new address in the space provided in the Registration Book, and shall forthwith deliver up the book with such particulars entered in it to the Council by whom the vehicle is registered, who shall note the change of address and cause the book to be returned to the owner forthwith.