THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

Hackney Carriages.

THE HACKNEY CARRIAGES (SEATING CAPACITY) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1939, DATED THE SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1939, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

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The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland in exercise of the powers vested in it by the Roads Act, 1920 (10 and 11 Geo. 5, c. 72), and by the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1938 (2 Geo. 6, c. 16), and of any and every other power in this behalf enabling the Ministry, without prejudice to any further exercise of the same powers, hereby makes the following Regulations, that is to say :—

1.—These Regulations may be cited as " The Hackney Carriages (Seating Capacity) Regulations (Northern Ireland), 1939."

2.—These Regulations shall apply to all vehicles in respect of which under Section 13 of the Finance Act, 1920, as amended by Section 1 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland), 1938, and Part I of the Schedule to the latter Act, duties of excise are chargeable by way of reference to seating capacity, but which are not public service vehicles within the meaning of Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926.

3.—The Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland hereby makes provision for determining the seating capacity of the vehicles to which these Regulations apply as follows :—

(1) In determining the number of persons for whom any such vehicle has seating capacity—

(*a*) Where separate seats for each person are provided one person shall be counted for each separate seat provided ;

(*b*) Where the vehicle is fitted with continuous seats one person shall be counted for each complete length of 16 inches measured in a straight line lengthwise on the front of each such seat ; and where any such continuous seat is fitted with arms for the purpose of separating the seating spaces and such arms are so constructed that they can be folded back or otherwise put out of use such seat shall be measured for the purposes of these Regulations as if it had not been fitted with such arms.

(2) In calculating the seating capacity of any such vehicle the driver's seat shall be excluded, and for the purpose of these Regulations the driver's seat means any separate seat occupied by the driver of the vehicle or where no such separate seat is provided and the driver occupies a portion