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ROAD VEHICLES: LIGHTING

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH MARCH 1971, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 26 AND 42 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Sections 26 and 42 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1971.

Regulations amended

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(b) shall have effect as though after Part VII there were inserted the following Part:—

“PART VIIA**REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADDITIONAL REFLECTORS ON LONG VEHICLES AND TRAILERS***Vehicles to which this Part applies*

44A. This Part shall apply to motor vehicles the length of which exceeds eight metres and to trailers the length of which exceeds five metres, not being, in either case—

- (a) a vehicle mentioned in Regulation 34(a);
- (b) a vehicle being used for the time being as a public service vehicle (as defined in Section 190(1) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970) or on any journey incidental to such use;
- (c) a trailer which is a broken-down motor vehicle the length of which does not exceed eight metres;
- (d) a mobile crane;
- (e) engineering plant; or
- (f) a vehicle constructed for the primary purpose of moving excavated material, the use on roads of such vehicles being authorised by the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(c).

Interpretation

44B. In this Part “side-facing reflector”, in relation to a vehicle, means a reflector which—

- (a) is not an obligatory reflector;

(a) 1970, c. 2 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969, No. 214.

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1968, No. 277.

- (b) is amber in colour;
- (c) is marked with an approval mark incorporating the Roman numeral I.

In this paragraph "approval mark" means a marking designated as an approval mark by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (No. 2) Regulations 1964(d).

Carriage and position of side-facing reflectors on certain motor vehicles

44C.—(1) Every motor vehicle to which this Part applies and which is first used on or after 1st September 1971 shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry two side-facing reflectors on each side of the vehicle in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph.

- (2) At each side of the vehicle—
 - (a) no part of the reflecting area of one side-facing reflector shall be more than five hundred millimetres from the extreme rear of the vehicle; and
 - (b) no part of the reflecting area of the other side-facing reflector shall be at a distance of less than one-third or more than two-thirds of the length of the vehicle from the extreme rear thereof.

44D. On and after 1st November 1971, every motor vehicle to which this Part applies and which is first used before 1st September 1971 shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry two side-facing reflectors on each side of the vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 44C(2).

Carriage and position of side-facing reflectors on certain trailers

44E.—(1) Every trailer to which this Part applies and which is manufactured on or after 1st September 1971, shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry two side-facing reflectors on each side of the trailer in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph.

- (2) At each side of the trailer—
 - (a) no part of the reflecting area of one side-facing reflector shall be more than five hundred millimetres from the extreme rear of the trailer; and
 - (b) no part of the reflecting area of the other side-facing reflector shall be at a distance of less than one-third or more than two-thirds of the length of the trailer from the extreme rear thereof.
- (3) For the purposes of this and the next succeeding Regulation, in reckoning the length of a trailer its drawbar and any fitting for the attachment thereof shall be disregarded.

44F. On and after 1st November 1971, every trailer to which this Part applies and which is manufactured before 1st September 1971, shall when on a road during the hours of darkness carry two side-facing reflectors on each side of the trailer in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 44E(2).

(d) S.I. 1964/1561 (1964. III, p. 3509).

Further provision as to side-facing reflectors

44G. Every side-facing reflector required by this Part to be carried by a vehicle shall—

- (a) be fixed to the vehicle so that—
 - (i) no part of its reflecting area is less than four hundred millimetres from the ground;
 - (ii) in the case of a vehicle mentioned in Regulation 44C(1) or Regulation 44E(1), no part of such area is more than twelve hundred millimetres from the ground; and
 - (iii) in the case of a vehicle mentioned in Regulation 44D or Regulation 44F, no part of such area is more than fifteen hundred millimetres from the ground;
- (b) be so fixed to the vehicle that the reflecting area of the reflector is in a vertical position and facing squarely to the side of the vehicle; and
- (c) be kept clean and plainly visible from the side of the vehicle.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 10th day of March 1971.

(L.S.)

W. G. Robinson,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969. The principal changes are:—

1. Subject to certain exceptions, motor vehicles more than eight metres long first used on or after 1st September 1971 and trailers more than five metres long manufactured on or after 1st September 1971 are required to carry two side-facing amber reflectors on each side thereof in specified positions (Regulations 44A, 44C and 44E of the new Part VIIA).

2. Subject to the same exceptions on and after 1st November 1971 all motor vehicles and trailers more than eight and five metres long respectively which in the case of motor vehicles are first used or in the case of trailers are manufactured before 1st September 1971 are required to carry two side-facing amber reflectors on each side thereof in specified positions (Regulations 44A, 44D and 44F of the new Part VIIA).

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REGISTRATION OF DEEDS

This Order was withdrawn and a corrected reprint issued—see No. 152, p. 730.