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MOTOR VEHICLES: REAR MARKINGS

REGULATIONS, DATED 10TH AUGUST 1972, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 26 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1970.

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

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on the 1st September 1972.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971(b) shall have effect as though:—

(1) In Regulation 2(1):—

(a) for sub-paragraph (l), there were substituted the following sub-paragraph—

“(l) a vehicle designed and used for the transportation of two or more motor vehicles or vehicle bodies or two or more boats;”;

(b) for sub-paragraph (n) there were substituted the following sub-paragraphs—

“(n) a motor vehicle brought into Northern Ireland and displaying a registration mark mentioned in Regulation 5 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1971(c), a period of twelve months not having elapsed since the vehicle in question was last brought into Northern Ireland;

(nn) a trailer brought into Northern Ireland and having a base or centre in a country outside Northern Ireland from which the use of the vehicle on a journey is normally commenced, a period of twelve months not having elapsed since the vehicle in question was last brought into Northern Ireland;”;

(c) there were added after sub-paragraph (p) the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(q) a vehicle owned by or in the service of the naval, military or air forces of Her Majesty raised in the United Kingdom and used for naval, military or air force purposes;

(r) a vehicle designed and used for the purpose of heating and dispensing tar or other similar material for the construction or maintenance of roads;

(s) a trailer being drying or mixing plant designed for the production of asphalt or of bituminous or tar macadam;”.

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

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1971, No. 71.

(c) S.I. 1971/937 (1971 II, p. 2688).

(2) After Regulation 4 there were added the following Regulation:—

“Alternative provision for fitting of rear markings

5.—(1) This Regulation applies to a vehicle which is for the time being carrying a load which so projects to the rear of the vehicle that if any rear marking were to be fitted in accordance with Regulation 4 the marking would be so obscured by the load as not to be clearly visible within a reasonable distance to the rear of the vehicle.

(2) A vehicle to which this Regulation applies need not be fitted with a rear marking in accordance with Regulation 4 if the marking is instead fitted to the load it is carrying.

(3) The Provisions of Part III of the Schedule shall apply subject to the following modifications:—

(a) in paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 for any reference to the vehicle there shall be substituted a reference to the load; and

(b) in paragraph 6, for the words from “except while” to the end of that paragraph there shall be substituted the words “except while the load is being mounted on or removed from the vehicle.””

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 10th day of August 1972.

(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 Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1971 which require certain motor vehicles and trailers to be fitted with rear markings unless they are “excepted vehicles”. The principal changes are—

- (1) to include among the “excepted vehicles” home forces’ vehicles and vehicles used as tar boilers or asphalt mixers;
- (2) to allow rear markings to be fitted to a rear projecting load in cases where that load would otherwise obscure a rear marking fitted to a vehicle.