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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1967

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of her powers under section 64(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960^(a), as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962^(b), and of all other powers her enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 12th December 1967 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1967.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889^(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1966^(d), as amended ^(e), shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 17 after paragraph (2) there were added the following paragraph:—

“(3) In the case of a motor vehicle registered on or after 1st April 1969 the edges of any mirror fitted internally to the vehicle to assist any person, if he so desires, to become aware of traffic to the rear of the vehicle shall be surrounded by some material such as will render those edges and that material unlikely to cause severe cuts in the event of the mirror or that material being struck by any occupant of the vehicle.”;

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.

(b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59.

(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(d) S.I. 1966/1288 (1966 III. P. 3493).

(e) There is no relevant amending Instrument.

(2) for Regulation 51 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

“Seat belts and anchorage points

51—(1) This Regulation applies to every motor car registered on or after 1st April 1967 and which is not:—

- (a) a goods vehicle the unladen weight of which exceeds 30 hundred-weight;
- (b) a passenger vehicle or a dual-purpose vehicle, being in either case a vehicle adapted to carry more than twelve passengers exclusive of the driver;
- (c) a land tractor;
- (d) a works truck;
- (e) an electrically propelled goods vehicle;
- (f) a pedestrian controlled vehicle; or
- (g) a vehicle constructed before 1st September 1966.

(2) Every motor car to which this Regulation applies shall be provided with anchorage points designed to hold body-restraining seat belts securely in position on the vehicle for—

- (a) the driver's seat; and
- (b) the specified passenger's seat:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply so as to require anchorage points to be provided for any seat which is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages.

(3) Every motor car to which this Regulation applies shall be provided with—

- (a) a body-restraining seat belt designed for use by an adult for the driver's seat; and
- (b) a body-restraining seat belt for the specified passenger's seat:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a vehicle—

- (a) while it is being used under a trade licence within the meaning of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(a); or
- (b) while it is being driven from premises of the manufacturer by whom it was made, or of a distributor of vehicles or dealer in vehicles—
 - (i) to premises of a distributor of vehicles, dealer in vehicles or purchaser thereof, or
 - (ii) to premises of a person obtaining possession thereof under a hiring agreement or hire-purchase agreement.

(4) Every seat belt provided in pursuance of this Regulation shall, if the seat for which it is provided is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, be properly secured to the integral seat belt anchorage points forming part thereof, or, if the seat for which it is provided is not such a seat, be properly secured to the structure of the vehicle by the anchorage points provided for it under paragraph (2) of this Regulation.

(5) (a) Every vehicle which is provided with seat belt anchorage points in pursuance of paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall be legibly and permanently marked with the specification number of the British Standard for seat belt anchorage points, namely B.S. AU48:1965;

- (b) where in the case of any motor car to which this Regulation applies the driver's seat or the specified passenger's seat is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, such seat shall be legibly and permanently marked with the specification number of the British Standard for Seats with Integral Seat Belt Anchorages followed by the suffix '1', namely B.S. AU140/1:1967, and if any such seat is provided for a vehicle on or after 1st January 1969 the vehicle for which it is so provided shall also be legibly and permanently marked with the said specification number, namely B.S. AU140:1967;
- (c) each seat belt provided for any person in any motor car to which this Regulation applies shall be legibly and permanently marked with the specification number of the British Standard for Seat Belt Assemblies for Motor Vehicles namely B.S. 3254:1960, and the registered certification trade mark of the British Standards Institution.
- (6) Nothing in this Regulation shall be taken to authorise any person to apply a specification number or registered certification trade mark to a vehicle, seat or seat belt in contravention of the Merchandise Marks Acts 1887 to 1953(a).

(7) In this Regulation—

“body-restraining seat belt” means a seat belt designed to provide restraint for both the upper and lower parts of the trunk of the wearer in the event of an accident to the vehicle;

“seat belt” means a belt intended to be worn by a person in a vehicle and designed to prevent or lessen injury to its wearer in the event of an accident to the vehicle, and includes, in the case of a restraining device for a young person, any special chair to which the belt is attached; and

“specified passenger's seat” means, in the case of a vehicle which has one forward-facing front seat for one passenger, such seat, and, in the case of a vehicle which has two or more forward-facing front seats for passengers, the forward-facing front seat furthest from the driver's seat.”;

(3) in Regulations 69(4)(a), 70(3)(a) and 71(4)(a) the words “on or after 1st February 1963 and” were omitted;

(4) in Regulation 70(2), in the proviso for the words “foregoing provisions” there were substituted the words “provisions of sub-paragraph (ii)”;

(5) in Regulations 71(3)(a) and 73(2)(a), the words “manufactured on or after 1st February 1963 and” were omitted; and

(6) in Schedule 2—

(a) in Part I, the item “9. Year of manufacture” were omitted; and

(b) in Part II, the item “7. Year of manufacture” were omitted.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 8th November 1967.

(L.S.)

Barbara Castle,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1966 by:—

- (1) requiring that the edges of internal mirrors fitted to motor vehicles registered on or after 1st April 1969 to enable any person to become aware of traffic to the rear shall be surrounded by a protective material capable of reducing the risk of occupants of a vehicle sustaining cuts if they strike such a mirror (Regulation 2(1));
- (2) allowing the use of seats with integral seat belt anchorage points and built-in seat belts to be fitted in cars and light vans as alternatives to conventional seat belt anchorage points and seat belts (Regulation 2(2));
- (3) extending the application of certain provisions of Regulations 69, 70, 71 and 73 (which relate to laden weights) to motor vehicles registered before, and trailers manufactured before, the 1st February, 1963 (Regulation 2(3) and (5));
- (4) modifying the limitations at present imposed by Regulation 70(2) in relation to certain motor vehicles when drawing trailers (Regulation 2(4)); and
- (5) removing the requirement that the "year of manufacture" be shown on the plate with which certain vehicles are by Regulation 28 required to be equipped (Regulation 2(6)).