

**1970 No. 612****ROAD TRAFFIC****The Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation)  
Regulations 1970**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>21st April 1970</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st May 1970</i>

The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under section 160(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations :—

**1.** These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st May 1970, and may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1970.

**2.** The Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1948(b) are hereby revoked.

**3.** The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulations revoked by Regulation 2 of these Regulations were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

**4.** These Regulations apply to a public service vehicle which—

(1) is brought into Great Britain for the purpose of carrying persons making only a temporary stay therein ;

(2) does not remain in Great Britain for more than 90 days ;

(3) is used by not more than 2 persons in addition to its passengers, being persons who are employed either to drive the vehicle or to act in the capacity of guide, interpreter or organiser ;

(4) is used only by passengers all of whom commenced their journey from the same country and who are temporarily visiting Great Britain and will leave Great Britain not later than 90 days after they arrived in Great Britain ;

(5) is used only by—

(i) passengers who were during their journey to Great Britain passengers in that vehicle, and

(ii) passengers who are returning in it to the country from which they started their journey, being passengers who travelled to Great Britain in another vehicle operated by the same carrier and who are making their return journey under a contract concluded with him before they arrived in Great Britain.

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(a) 1960 c. 16. (b) S.I. 1948/609 (Rev. XX. p. 430: 1948 I, p.3748). (c) 1889 c. 63.

For the purpose of this paragraph any part of a journey during which a person has travelled by sea or air shall be disregarded for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has been a passenger on a vehicle during a journey:

(6) is registered in the country from which the passengers using it commenced their journey to Great Britain; and

(7) is operated by a carrier duly authorised under the law of the country in which it is registered to use it for the carriage of the passengers who are using it on the journey on which it is being used or such parts thereof as are within that country.

5. The provisions of Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1960 shall, in relation to vehicles to which these Regulations apply, have effect as though sections 127, 129, 134 and 144 (which subject user of public service vehicles to the holding of public service vehicle licences, certificates of fitness, road service licences and drivers' and conductors' licences) were omitted therefrom.

6. None of the provisions of the Public Service Vehicles (Equipment and Use) Regulations 1958(a), as amended (b), shall have effect in relation to vehicles to which these Regulations apply.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 21st April 1970.

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*Fred Mulley,*  
Minister of Transport.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations revoke and re-enact with amendments the Public Service Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1948.

The principal changes are:—

1. The vehicles to which the Regulations apply are no longer restricted to single-decked vehicles.
2. The vehicles may also be used by passengers who travelled to Great Britain in another vehicle operated by the same carrier.

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(a) S.I. 1958/926 (1958 II, p. 2036).

(b) S.I. 1966/676, 1968/826 (1966 II, p. 1517; 1968 II, p. 2226).

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