

Serial Number 1951/285

THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS 1936, AMENDMENT NO. 10

FREYBERG, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington, this 5th day of
December 1951

Present :

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Transport Act 1949, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

REGULATIONS

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 10, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Traffic Regulations 1936* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) Except where these regulations otherwise provide, these regulations shall come into force on the seventh day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. (1) Regulation 7 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Traffic Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 9) is hereby amended as follows :—

(a) By inserting in subclause (16), before the words " The lights or any of the lights ", the words " Except as provided in subclause (24) of this regulation " :

(b) By inserting in subclause (18), after the word " regulation ", the words " or as required by regulation 10 of the Passenger Service Vehicle (Constructional) Regulations 1936† " :

(c) By inserting in subclause (19), after the word " lamp ", the words " of not less than 6 watts ".

(2) Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is hereby further amended by revoking subclause (20), and substituting the following subclause :—

" (20) Every motor vehicle (including a trailer) that exceeds 7 ft. in width or extends on the off side more than 3 ft. 6 in. from the longitudinal centre line of the vehicle shall be equipped with side lights or headlights placed so as to give the driver of an approaching vehicle a reasonable indication of the width of the first mentioned vehicle :

* Statutory Regulations 1936-37, Serial number 86/1936, page 319.
(Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 3, Statutory Regulations 1947, Serial number 1947/44, page 124.)
Amendment No. 4 : Statutory Regulations 1948, Serial number 1948/129, page 388.
Amendment No. 5 : Statutory Regulations 1948, Serial number 1948/170, page 517.
Amendment No. 6 : Statutory Regulations 1948, Serial number 1948/212, page 875.
Amendment No. 7 : Statutory Regulations 1949, Serial number 1949/142, page 586.
Amendment No. 8 : Statutory Regulations 1950, Serial number 1950/189, page 877.
Amendment No. 9 : Statutory Regulations 1951, Serial number 1951/131, page 396.

“ Provided that this subclause shall not apply to a passenger service vehicle where the blue marker lights required to be fitted to the vehicle in terms of subclause (2) of regulation 10 of the Passenger Service Vehicle (Constructional) Regulations 1936* are so placed as to give the driver of an approaching vehicle a reasonable indication of the width of the passenger service vehicle.”

(3) Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is hereby further amended by adding the following subclauses :—

“ (21) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this regulation, every motor vehicle (including a trailer) which or the load of which exceeds 8 ft. in width or extends on the off side more than 4 ft. from the longitudinal centre line of the vehicle shall be equipped with a lamp fitted as near as is practicable to the extremity of the off side of the vehicle or its load (whichever extends the farther to the off side) and in no case farther than 6 in. from that extremity, displaying in a forward direction a light substantially white in colour, clearly visible at a distance of 300 ft. in normal atmospheric conditions :

“ Provided that nothing in this subclause shall be deemed to affect the provisions of regulation 12 hereof.

“ (22) Every heavy motor vehicle, being a goods service vehicle, shall display during the hours of darkness two red reflectors, facing rearwards, having a lens diameter of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. and of a make and type approved by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*, fitted so that the reflectors are displayed in a position within 6 in. of the rear extremity of the vehicle, and so that one of the reflectors is displayed within 6 in. of the extremity of the near side of the vehicle and the other reflector is displayed within 6 in. of the extremity of the off side of the vehicle and that both reflectors are so placed as to reflect the lights of following vehicles.

“ (23) Every trailer designed principally for carrying poles or logs and for that purpose equipped with a jinker pole shall, in addition to the reflectors required to be displayed in terms of subclause (22) of this regulation, be permanently equipped at the rear extremity of that pole with a red reflector facing directly rearwards of the vehicle and having a lens diameter of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. and being of a make and type approved by the Minister by notice published in the *Gazette*.

“ (24) Notwithstanding anything in subclause (16) of this regulation, every heavy motor vehicle that is a goods service vehicle shall, at all times while on a roadway and whether stationary or not, display during the hours of darkness a red light clearly visible at a distance of 300 ft. to the rear in normal atmospheric conditions fitted within 6 in. of the extreme rear end of the vehicle and within 12 in. of the extremity of the off side of the vehicle :

“ Provided that where the load of a vehicle extends a greater distance than 4 ft. behind the vehicle the light shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load and as far as practicable to the off side of the load.

“ (25) Where in the preceding subclauses of this regulation reference is made to the distance of a lamp or reflector from a point, the distance shall be measured from the nearest part of the lens of the lamp or reflector to that point.”

(4) Subclauses (22), (23), and (24) of regulation 7 of the principal regulations as added by subclause (3) of this regulation shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1952.

* Statutory Regulations 1936-37, Serial number 79/1936, page 281.

Amendment No. 1 : Statutory Regulations 1947, Serial number 1947/137, page 496.

3. Regulation 11 of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 7 of the Traffic Regulations 1936; Amendment No. 1) is hereby amended by omitting from subclause (2) the words "fee of 2s. 6d.", and substituting the words "fee of 3s. 6d."

4. Regulation 12 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (b) of subclause (1A) (as inserted by regulation 9 of the Traffic Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 1) the words "33 ft.", and substituting the words "36 ft."

5. Regulation 14 of the principal regulations (as amended by regulation 6 of the Traffic Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 6) is hereby further amended by adding to subclause (6A) the following proviso:—

"Provided that the driver of a motor vehicle used by a fire brigade for attendance at fires and at the time responding to a call of fire and sounding the siren need not comply with the foregoing requirements of this subclause if he maintains through the intersection or part of the road as aforesaid a speed not exceeding ten miles an hour and takes due care to avoid collision with other traffic."

6. Regulation 14 of the principal regulations is hereby further amended by adding the following subclause:—

"(11) No driver of a heavy motor vehicle on any road outside a borough or town district shall, except when lawfully overtaking the other vehicle with the intention of passing it, follow another heavy motor vehicle unless, whenever conditions permit, he maintains a sufficient space between his vehicle and the vehicle he is following to enable any other motor vehicle lawfully to overtake him and occupy that space without danger."

T. J. SHERRARD,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

[This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.]

Regulation 2 amends the provisions of the principal regulations relating to lights, and, in particular, makes provision for the use of rear red reflectors and an additional rear red light for heavy motor trucks.

Regulation 3 increases from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. the fee payable for warrants of fitness in the case of warrants that are issued by city authorities.

Regulation 4 increases the permissible length for articulated vehicles from 33 ft. to 36 ft.

Regulation 5 exempts fire brigade vehicles from the necessity to stop at compulsory stop signs provided their speed is reduced to 10 miles an hour.

Regulation 6 prohibits heavy motor vehicles from travelling in close convoy outside boroughs and town districts.

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These regulations are administered in the Transport Department.