

Regulations as to the Use of Motor-lorries.

CHARLES FERGUSSON, Governor-General.

ORDER IN COUNCIL.

At the Government Buildings, at Wellington, this 24th day of March, 1925.

Present:

THE HONOURABLE SIR FRANCIS BELL PRESIDING IN COUNCIL.

IN pursuance and exercise of the powers and authorities conferred on him by the Public Works Amendment Act, 1924, and the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, and of every other power and authority in anywise enabling him in that behalf, His Excellency the Governor-General of the Dominion of New Zealand, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Dominion, doth hereby make the following regulations in relation to the use of motor-lorries.

REGULATIONS.

1. INTERPRETATION.

(1.) In these regulations, where not inconsistent with the context,—

“Controlling authority” means the Minister of Public Works, Board, local authority, or person or persons, as the case may be, having control over any road or street:

“Inspector” means any person appointed to be an Inspector for the purposes of these regulations:

“License” means a heavy-traffic licence issued under the provisions of these regulations; and includes a copy of a license issued as herein provided:

“License year” means any period of twelve months ending on the thirty-first day of March:

“Licensing authority” means any local authority having power to issue a license under these regulations:

“Motor-lorry” means any motor-vehicle as defined by the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, used for hire or used for commercial purposes in the carriage of passengers or goods, and which with its maximum load exceeds 2 tons in weight; and includes tractors; but does not include traction-engines:

To “operate” means to use or drive on any road or street:

“Owner” includes a bailee to whom a motor-lorry is bailed for any period exceeding fourteen days, and also includes a person in possession of a motor-lorry pursuant to a bill of sale or hire-purchase agreement. Where there are more owners of a motor-lorry than one, every such owner is an owner for the purposes of these regulations:

“Road” and “street” include any highway, whether or not the same may at any time be or have been declared to be a main highway:

“Six-wheeler” means any four-wheeled motor-lorry fitted with a combination body and trailer attachment of two wheels:

“Traction-engine” means any locomotive-engine propelled by steam-power and designed for use on ordinary roads:

“Tractor” means any motor-vehicle used solely for the purposes of traction, and not for the carriage thereon of passengers (other than the driver) or goods:

“Trailer” means a vehicle without motive-power designed solely or principally for the carriage of persons or goods, and drawn by a motor-vehicle:

“Trip” means a one-way journey:

“Width” of a tire means the width of the portion of the tire in actual contact with the plane surface on which it rests when the vehicle is loaded with the maximum load it is licensed to carry.

(2.) For the purposes of these regulations, a tractor with one trailer attached thereto shall be deemed to form one motor-lorry, and each additional trailer after one attached to a tractor shall be deemed to be a separate motor-lorry.

(3.) For the purposes of these regulations a six-wheeler shall be deemed to be a motor-lorry and a trailer.

(4.) For the purpose of assessing liability for license fees, a motor-lorry in use solely as a tractor shall be deemed to be a tractor.

(5.) For the purposes of these regulations, in the computation of the load of motor-lorries engaged in the carriage of passengers fifteen persons shall be deemed to weigh one ton, and in counting the number of persons the driver shall be included.

(6.) For the purposes of general interpretation thereof, these regulations shall be deemed to be made under the Public Works Amendment Act, 1924.

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(7.) These regulations may be cited as “The Motor-lorry Regulations, 1925.”

2. CLASSIFICATION OF MOTOR-LORRIES.

Motor-lorries shall consist of the following classes:—

Class.	Any Motor-lorry which, with the Maximum Load it is licensed to carry, exceeds in Weight	But does not exceed in Weight
A ..	2 tons	2½ tons.
B ..	2½ tons	3 tons.
C ..	3 tons	3½ tons.
D ..	3½ tons	4 tons.
E ..	4 tons	4½ tons.
F ..	4½ tons	5 tons.
G ..	5 tons	5½ tons.
H ..	5½ tons	6 tons.
I ..	6 tons	6½ tons.
J ..	6½ tons	7 tons.
K ..	7 tons	7½ tons.
L ..	7½ tons	8 tons.
M ..	8 tons	8½ tons.
N ..	8½ tons	9 tons.
O ..	9 tons	9½ tons.
P ..	9½ tons	10 tons.

3. MAXIMUM WEIGHT AND LOAD.

(1.) No person shall operate any motor-lorry if the weight of its load exceeds six tons or if the combined weight of the vehicle and load exceeds 10 tons.

(2.) No person shall operate any two-wheeled trailer if the weight of its load exceeds 4 tons, or any four-wheeled trailer if the weight of its load exceeds 6 tons.

(3.) No person shall operate any trailer having more than four wheels.

(4.) No person shall operate any six-wheeler if the weight of the load carried on such six-wheeler exceeds 9 tons.

(5.) No person shall operate any motor-lorry fitted with a combination body and trailer attachment of more than two wheels.

(6.) No person shall operate any motor-lorry carrying a greater load than the maximum load it is licensed to carry.

4. TIRES.

(1.) No motor-lorry tire shall be of a less width than 3 in.

(2.) The minimum width of any tire used on any motor-lorry shall be such that the intensity of pressure of such tire on the surface of the highway resulting from the weight of the motor-lorry, together with the maximum load it is entitled to carry, shall not exceed the following:—

400 lb. per inch of width of tire for tires up to and including 5 in. in width.

600 lb. per inch of width of tire for tires more than 5 in. but not more than 6 in. in width.

700 lb. per inch of width of tire for tires more than 6 in. but not more than 7 in. in width.

800 lb. per inch of width of tire for tires more than 7 in. in width.

(3.) Twin or dual tires shall for the purpose of width be deemed to be a single tire having a width equal to the sum of the widths of both tires.

(4.) The thickness of any non-pneumatic rubber tire on any wheel of any motor-lorry shall be not less than the following:—

¾ in. for any tire not more than 5 in. in width:

1 in. for any tire more than 5 in. but not more than 8 in. in width:

1½ in. for any tire more than 8 in. in width.

(5.) No person shall operate any motor-lorry having tires of a less thickness than those hereinbefore prescribed.

5. SPEED.

(1.) No person shall operate any motor-lorry at a speed exceeding the maximum speed for such motor-lorry herein provided.

(2.) The maximum speed of motor-lorries for which no other maximum speed is provided herein shall be as follows:—
For motor-lorries of Class A: 20 miles per hour.

For motor-lorries of Class B and Class C: 18 miles per hour.

For motor-lorries of Class D, Class E, and Class F: 16 miles per hour.

For motor-lorries of Class G, Class H, Class I, and Class J: 14 miles per hour.

For motor-lorries of Class K, Class L, Class M, Class N, Class O, and Class P: 12 miles per hour.