

3. MAXIMUM WEIGHT AND LOAD.

(1) No person shall operate any motor-lorry, not being a six-wheeled 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-wheeled motor-lorry if the weight of its load exceeds 9 tons or if the combined weight of the vehicle and load exceeds 15 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:—

$\frac{3}{8}$ 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 :

$1\frac{1}{4}$ 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.

(6) The tire of each wheel of a motor-lorry, if such tire is not of a soft or elastic material, shall be smooth, and shall, where the tire touches the surface of the road or other base whereon the motor-lorry moves or rests be flat: Provided that the edges of the tire may be bevelled or rounded to the extent in the case of each edge of not more than half an inch, measured as the shortest straight line across the width of the surface of the bevelled or rounded portion: Provided also that if the tire is constructed of or faced with separate plates the plates may be separated by parallel spaces which shall be disposed throughout the outer surface of the tire so that nowhere shall the aggregate extent of the space or spaces in the course of a straight line drawn horizontally across the circumference of the wheel exceed one-eighth part of the width of the tire.

(7) No person shall operate any motor-lorry having any tire which, if not of a soft or elastic material, is not smooth and flat (to the extent aforesaid and subject to the foregoing proviso), or which, if constructed of or faced with separate plates, has spaces greater than the spaces 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, Class P, and Class Q: 12 miles per hour.

(3) The maximum speed of motor-lorries fitted with pneumatic tires on all wheels shall be the respective speeds set out in the last preceding clause hereof increased by 20 per centum.

(4) The maximum speed of motor-lorries which are not fitted with tires of a soft or elastic material on all their wheels shall be one-half of the maximum speed set out in clause 2 hereof.

(5) In any case in which the maximum speed fixed by a controlling authority in respect of any road is less than the speed fixed by the foregoing clauses the maximum speed shall be that fixed by such controlling authority.

(6) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, a controlling authority may give written permission in respect of any particular motor-lorry or in respect of any particular class of motor-lorry to travel at a maximum speed in excess of the maximum speed hereinbefore provided, and the speed so permitted shall for the purposes of these regulations be deemed to be the maximum speed hereunder: Provided always that—

(a) Such permission shall be given only in respect of motor-lorries licensed for the carriage of passengers or licensed for the carriage of goods and passengers, and fitted with pneumatic tires on all wheels.

(b) The maximum speed fixed by such permission shall not be greater than the maximum speed hereinbefore provided increased by 50 per centum.

(c) Such permission shall extend only to such roads as are expressly included therein.

(d) Such permission may be expressed to be subject to such conditions as the controlling authority may think fit to impose.

(7) Every person operating a motor-lorry under a permission given by virtue of the last preceding clause hereof shall comply with all the conditions expressed in such permission.

(8) Every permission given in terms of Regulation 5 of the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1925, shall enure in so far as is provided in the permission, and as if the permission had been given in terms of this regulation.

6. HEIGHT AND WIDTH OF LOAD.

(1) No person shall operate any motor-lorry the greatest height of the load of which is more than 14 ft. above the surface of the highway, except with the written permission of the controlling authority.

(2) Without the written permission of the controlling authority, no person shall operate any motor-lorry the greatest width of the load of which is more than 8 ft., or which carries a load (otherwise than on a trailer) so that the load overhangs the axis of the rear wheels by more than 8 ft., or extends further forward than the radiator, or in any way obscures the vision of the driver to his front or on either side.

(3) Such permission may be expressed to be subject to such conditions as to—

(a) Width, length, or height of load:

(b) Duration of permission:

(c) Hours during which such load may be carried:

(d) Care of overhead wires:

(e) Stopping:

(f) Pulling to the side of the road, or leaving sufficient space for other traffic to pass with ease and safety:

(g) The provision of equipment enabling the driver to become aware of the existence or approach of anything behind the motor-lorry:

(h) Such other conditions of a like or different nature as the controlling authority may think fit to impose.

(4) Every person operating a motor-lorry under a permission given as aforesaid shall comply with all the conditions expressed in such written permission.

(5) No person shall operate any motor-lorry engaged in or licensed for the carriage of passengers or goods and passengers if such motor-lorry carries any article in such manner that it projects in width horizontally beyond the footboards of the motor-lorry, and in no case shall the article extend more than 4 ft. from the centre-line of the wheel track.

(6) Every permission given in terms of Regulation 6 of the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1925, shall enure in so far as is provided in the permission, and as if the permission had been given in terms of this regulation.

7. CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

(1) The Minister, in respect of any Government road, and the Main Highways Board, in respect of any main highway, and the local authority having control of any other road, in respect of that road may declare that such road belongs to some one of the following classes—namely, First Class, Second Class, Third Class, Fourth Class, and Fifth Class.

(2) Any road classified under the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1925, and the amendments thereof, shall be deemed to have been classified as belonging to the class of the same name constituted under the last preceding clause hereof.

(3) The controlling authority proposing to make any such classification shall give public notice of the names of the road or roads proposed to be so classified, and of the class to which it is proposed that each such road shall be declared to belong, and shall in such notice call upon any person objecting to lodge notice in writing of his objection and of the ground thereof at an address of the controlling authority to be stated in the public notice so given and within seven days from the first publication of such notice.