

(5) Every controlling authority that erects a classification sign shall at all times while the same remains in position maintain the same in good repair, undefaced and undamaged, and with the colours thereof and the characters thereon in bright, clear, and legible condition.

(6) No controlling authority shall erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road any sign in the form hereinbefore described which is not used solely for denoting some matter or conveying the information hereby authorized to be denoted or conveyed by means of classification signs.

(7) No person shall, except in the capacity of an employee of the controlling authority, erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road, any classification sign, unless authorized thereto by writing under the seal of the controlling authority (being a corporate body) or in writing duly verified by the controlling authority (not being a corporate body) having control of such road.

(8) No person shall erect or maintain, or cause or permit to be erected or maintained, or to be on any road or in any place visible from a road, any sign, device, or object liable to be mistaken for a classification sign of the form hereinbefore described.

(9) No person shall cause or permit his name or the name of any business carried on by him or the name of any wares dealt with by him to be displayed on a sign which is so erected or maintained that its erection or maintenance constitutes a breach of any provision of this regulation: Provided that it shall be a defence to any person charged with an offence against this clause if such person proves that the sign was erected and maintained without his knowledge, or that before the date of the offence he gave notice in writing to the occupier of the land on which the sign is erected requiring such occupier forthwith to remove the sign.

(10) No person shall remove, mutilate, obscure, or in any manner damage or interfere with any classification sign erected under this regulation.

7. SPEED.

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

(2) The maximum speeds for heavy motor-vehicles which are motor-cars or motor-omnibuses within the meaning of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, all tires of which are pneumatic, and for which no other maximum speed is provided herein shall be as set out in Part I of the Table in the Schedule hereto.

(3) The maximum speed for heavy motor-vehicles which are not motor-cars or motor-omnibuses within the meaning of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, all tires of which are pneumatic, and for which no other maximum speed is provided herein shall be as set out in Part II of the said table.

(4) The maximum speed for heavy motor-vehicles for which no other maximum speed is provided herein shall, if any tire is solid, be twelve miles per hour, or if any tire is metal be eight miles per hour. For the purpose of this clause "solid" tire means a rubber tire not being a pneumatic tire, and "metal" tire means any tire not being a rubber tire or a pneumatic tire.

(5) The maximum speeds for any heavy motor-vehicle (including a trailer) constructed without springs or other effective cushioning apparatus between the road wheels and the chassis shall be the respective speeds heretofore set out in this regulation, reduced by 50 per centum.

(6) Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained a controlling authority may, with the Minister's approval, and in the case of main highways, after notice to the Main Highways Board, give written permission in respect of any particular heavy motor-vehicle or in respect of any particular class of heavy motor-vehicle to travel at a maximum speed in excess of the maximum speed hereinbefore provided, and the speed so permitted shall for the purpose of these regulations be deemed to be the maximum speed hereunder: Provided always that—

- (a) Such permission shall be given only in respect of heavy motor-vehicles licensed for the carriage of passengers or licensed for the carriage of goods and passengers, and fitted with pneumatic tires on all wheels; and
- (b) The maximum speed fixed by such permission shall not be greater than thirty miles per hour; and
- (c) Such permission shall extend only to such roads as are expressly included therein; and
- (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 heavy motor-vehicle 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 hitherto given by a controlling authority in terms of Regulation 5 of the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1925, or Regulation 5 of the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1927, is hereby revoked.

(9) In any case in which the maximum speed fixed by a controlling authority for any locality, road, or part of a road is greater than the appropriate speed fixed in this regulation, the maximum speed for such locality, road, or part of a road shall be that fixed in this regulation.

8. PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN HEAVY TRAFFIC.

(1) No person shall operate any traction-engine or metal-tired heavy motor-vehicle unless the consent thereto in writing is first obtained from the controlling authority, and such consent may be subject to such conditions as the controlling authority may think fit to impose.

(2) Every person operating any traction-engine or metal-tired heavy motor-vehicle under the consent given as aforesaid shall comply with all the conditions expressed in such consent.

(3) Any controlling authority may prohibit, absolutely or conditionally, the use on any road of heavy motor-vehicles, or of any class of heavy motor-vehicle, during any specified period or periods, but this power shall be exercised in a reasonable manner.

(4) Notice of any prohibition under clause (3) of this regulation shall be given by the controlling authority at least seven days before the commencement of the specified period, or the first of the specified periods, by means of a statement conveying the general effect of the prohibition published in some newspaper circulating in the district to which the matter of the notice relates, and if there is no such newspaper, then by a printed or written placard posted in some conspicuous place on the road affected by such notice.

(5) No person shall operate any heavy motor-vehicle on any road where its use has for the time being been prohibited by a controlling authority under clause (3) of this regulation.

(6) Any consent or prohibition given or effected in terms of clauses (1) or (3) of this regulation respectively may be expressed to relate to all roads under the control of the controlling authority, or any particular road or portion thereof.

(7) All powers exercised or consents given in terms of Regulation 9 of the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1925, or Regulation 9 of the Motor-lorry Regulations, 1927, shall enure as if they had been effected under this regulation.

9. HEAVY-TRAFFIC LICENSES.

(1) Every license shall be applied for and issued in respect of one heavy motor-vehicle only.

(2) Every local authority having control of any road, with the exception of the Main Highways Board and Road Boards other than the Road Board of any road district in a county wherein the Counties Act, 1920, is suspended or is not in force, shall be a licensing authority entitled to issue licenses under these regulations.

(3) Except as provided by the next succeeding clause hereof, application for a license shall be made to the licensing authority having the control of the roads (or which but for the provisions of the Main Highways Act, 1922, and the Road Boards Act, 1908, would have the control of the roads) in the area of which is situate on the date of the application the garage (as defined by the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924) of the heavy motor-vehicle which is the subject of the application.

(4) Any licensing authority may, with the consent of any other licensing authority in the same heavy-traffic district (as defined by Regulation No. 12 hereof) issue licenses and collect fees and do all matters incidental thereto in accordance with these regulations, in respect of any heavy motor-vehicle the garage of which is situated in the district of the second licensing authority, and may in respect of all licenses so issued make the deductions provided for by clause (2) of Regulation 12 hereof, but no such arrangement shall otherwise affect any apportionment of license fees to be made under Regulation 12 hereof.

(5) Applications for a license shall be made in writing by the owner in accordance with Form A in the Schedule hereto.

(6) (a) Upon receipt of such application and upon payment of the license fee the licensing authority shall issue to the applicant a heavy-traffic license in accordance with Form B in the Schedule hereto.

(b) Every license shall be for a period of one or more license quarters, and the fee shall be paid on or before the issue of the license.

(7) Any heavy-traffic license issued under these regulations by any local authority shall operate within and throughout New Zealand.

(8) The fee due for any quarter shall be reduced by one-third for every complete month of that quarter which has elapsed at the date when the term of the license commences.

(9) Neither the owner of any heavy motor-vehicle nor any other person shall operate any heavy motor-vehicle upon any