The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1950

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 94 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and of all other powers him enabling hereby makes the following Regulations :—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 29th day of July, 1950, and may be cited as " The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1950 ".

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941(c), as amended(d), shall have effect as though—

(1) In Regulation 3 the following definitions were added at the end thereof—

" ' Single-decked vehicle ' means a vehicle upon which no part of a deck or gangway is vertically above another deck or gangway.

' Double-decked vehicle ' means a vehicle having two decks one of which is wholly or partly above the other and each deck of which is provided with a gangway serving seats on that deck only.

' Half-decked vehicle ' means any vehicle not being a single-decked vehicle or a double-decked vehicle.

' Deck ' means a floor or platform upon which seats are provided for the accommodation of passengers."

(2) In paragraph (2) of Regulation 7 the words " and of a half-decked vehicle " were inserted after the words " 1st October, 1936 ".

(3) In Regulation 20 the words " or a half-decked vehicle " were added immediately after the words " a single-decked vehicle ".

(4) In Regulation 30—

(*a*) in paragraph (1) at the beginning thereof the words " A half-decked vehicle," were inserted ; and

(*b*) the following paragraph were added after paragraph (3) :—

" (3A) A half-decked vehicle shall be provided with an emergency exit in the roof of the vehicle in addition to the two exits provided in accordance with paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

The emergency exit provided in accordance with this paragraph shall be so placed that the transverse centre line thereof shall be within 2 feet of the mid-point between the front edges of the foremost and the rearmost passenger seats of the vehicle."

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.R. & O. 1941 (No. 514) I, p. 1052.
(d) S.R. & O. 1946 (Nos. 940, 1904 and 2167) I, pp. 1524–6 and S.I. 1950 No. 667, p. 754 above.

(5) In paragraph (1) of Regulation 31—

(*a*) the following proviso were substituted for proviso (ii):—

"(ii) the size of an emergency exit in the roof of a half-decked vehicle provided in accordance with Regulation 30 of these Regulations and the size of an emergency exit from the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle shall not be less than 5 feet by 18 inches:" and

(*b*) in proviso (iii) the words "a double-decked vehicle" were substituted for the words "a vehicle".

(6) In Regulation 33—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (2) at the beginning thereof the words "except in the case of an emergency exit provided in the roof of a half-decked vehicle" were inserted;

(*b*) the following sub-paragraph were substituted for sub-paragraph (iv) of the said paragraph (2):—

"(iv) in the case of a single-decked vehicle, the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle registered on or after 1st October, 1936, or of a half-decked vehicle, be so situated that passengers can step directly from the passage to the outside of the vehicle; provided that this requirement shall not apply in respect of an emergency exit in the roof of a vehicle."

(*c*) in paragraph (3) the words "of a double-decked vehicle or the roof of a half-decked vehicle" were inserted after the words "upper deck".

(7) In Regulation 34 the following paragraph were added after paragraph (3):—

"(4) In the case of a half-decked vehicle there shall be no obstruction between the floor in front of every passenger seat and the roof of the vehicle."

(8) In sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 36 the words "a half-decked vehicle registered on or after 8th August, 1950" were inserted after the words "a permanent top".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this 25th day of July, 1950.

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The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations amend the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941, so as to enable them to be applied to a new type of public service vehicle described as a half-decked vehicle in which the seats are at different levels but are served by a single gangway.

Generally such vehicles will be subject to the same conditions as single-decked public service vehicles. The chief difference made by the provisions of these Regulations is to require an emergency exit in the roof of a half-decked vehicle, in addition to the two exits (one of which may be an emergency exit) required in the case of single-decked vehicles.