## PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

# The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) 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 fifteenth day of May, 1950, and may be cited as "The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) 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**), (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Regulations") shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 3 the following definitions were substituted for the definitions of "Overall length", "Overall width" and "Registered" respectively:—

"" Overall length" means the length of a vehicle measured between vertical planes at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points thereof exclusive of:—

(*a*) any starting handle,

(*b*) any hood when down,

(*c*) any telescopic fog lamp when extended,

(*d*) any snow-plough fixed in front of a vehicle, and

(*e*) any post office letter box the length of which measured parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle does not exceed 12 inches.";

"" Overall width" means the width of a vehicle measured between vertical planes parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points thereof exclusive of:—

(*a*) any driving mirror,

(*b*) any direction indicator when in operation,

(*c*) any snow-plough fixed in front of the vehicle,

(*d*) so much of the distortion of any tyre as is caused by the weight of the vehicle, and

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(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. 1524-26.

(*e*) in the case of vehicles registered before 2nd January, 1939, so much of a swivelling window designed to allow the driver to give hand signals as projects when opened not more than 4 inches beyond the side of the vehicle."; and

" " Registered " means—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle which was registered at any time under the Roads Act, 1920(a), the date on which it was first so registered; and

(*b*) in the case of any other vehicle the date on which it was first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b)."; and

(2) in Regulation 9 the following words were added immediately after the words " the overall length of which exceeds 26 feet "—

" provided that in the case of a vehicle registered on or after 1st June, 1950, this Regulation shall have effect as though for references to " 26 feet " there were substituted references to " 27 feet "."

**3.** Regulations 4 and 5 of the Principal Regulations (which respectively make provision as to the maximum overall length and the maximum overall height of public service vehicles) are hereby revoked.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twenty-fourth day of April, 1950.

(L.S.) *Alfred Barnes,*
The Minister of Transport.

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## 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. The changes are as follows:—

(*a*) The definitions of " overall length " and " overall width " are amended to bring them into line with those contained in the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947 (S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 670) I, p. 1940) as amended by the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950 (S.I. 1950 No. 666), and the definition of " registered " is amended to cover the case of vehicles registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, which has now superseded the Roads Act, 1920, as regards the registration of motor vehicles.

(*b*) The diameter of the circle in which a public service vehicle is required to be able to turn is fixed at 60 feet in the case of such a vehicle first registered on or after 1st June, 1950, the length of which exceeds 26 feet but does not exceed 27 feet.

(*c*) The requirements as to the maximum overall length and maximum overall height of public service vehicles are revoked. Fresh provision as to these matters is now contained in the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations, 1947, as amended by the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950.

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(a) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.