2. In regulation 5 of the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations (Scotland), 1932, as amended, for the words "Acute Poliomyelitis" there shall be substituted the words "Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic), Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)".

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The object of the amending regulations is to secure the separate notification of paralytic and non-paralytic poliomyelitis in Scotland.

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# PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES, TRAMCARS AND TROLLEY VEHICLES

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## The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1958

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 68 and 94 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Commencement and Citation*

**1.** These Regulations shall come into operation on the eleventh day of April, 1958, and may be cited as "The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1958".

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

*Revocation*

**2.**—(1) The Regulations specified in the Schedule to these Regulations are hereby revoked except in relation to any vehicle in respect of which a certificate of fitness is in force immediately before the coming into operation of these Regulations, whilst that certificate remains in force.

(2) Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to apply to any vehicle if and so long as the Regulations specified in the Schedule to these Regulations continue to apply in relation to that vehicle.

*Interpretation*

**3.**—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :—

" deck " means a floor or platform upon which seats are provided for the accommodation of passengers ;

" 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 ;

" emergency exit " means an exit which is intended to be used only in case of emergency ;

" entrance " means any aperture or space by which passengers are intended to board the vehicle ;

" exit " means any aperture or space by which passengers are intended to leave the vehicle ;

" gangway " means the space provided for obtaining access from any entrance to the passengers' seats or from any such seat to an exit other than an emergency exit but does not include a staircase or any space in front of a seat or a row of seats which is required only for the use of passengers occupying that seat or that row of seats ;

" half-decked vehicle " means any vehicle not being a single-decked vehicle or a double-decked vehicle ;

" 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 1 foot ;

" 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,

(*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

(*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 ;

" permanent top " means any covering of a vehicle other than a hood of canvas or other flexible material which is capable of being readily folded back so that no portion of such hood or any fixed structure of the roof remains vertically above any part of any seat of the vehicle, or in the case of a double-decked vehicle of any seat of the upper deck of the vehicle ;

" 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**) ;

" safety glass " means glass so constructed or treated that if fractured it does not fly into fragments capable of causing severe cuts ;

" single-decked vehicle " means a vehicle upon which no part of a deck or gangway is vertically above another deck or gangway ;

" vehicle " means public service vehicle.

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

*Certificates of fitness*

**4.** A certificate of fitness shall not be issued in respect of any vehicle which does not comply with the conditions hereinafter prescribed in Regulations 5 to 50 of these Regulations :

Provided that a certificate of fitness shall not be revoked, suspended or refused in respect of any vehicle registered on or before 30th June, 1932, by reason only of the fact that under the definition of " permanent top " contained in these Regulations the vehicle is to be regarded as having a permanent top if it would not have been so regarded but for that definition.

*Stability*

**5.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the following conditions shall be complied with by every vehicle to which the said conditions respectively relate :—

(*a*) The stability of a double-decked vehicle shall be such that the point at which overturning occurs would not be passed if, when the vehicle is complete and fully equipped for service and loaded with weights placed in the correct relative positions to represent the driver and conductor (if carried) and a full complement of passengers on the upper deck only, the surface on which the vehicle stands were tilted to either side to an angle of 28 degrees from the horizontal.

(*b*) The stability of a single-decked vehicle and of a half-decked vehicle shall be such that the point at which overturning occurs would not be passed if, when the vehicle is complete and fully equipped for service under any conditions of load, the surface on which the vehicle stands were tilted to either side to an angle of 35 degrees from the horizontal.

(**a**) 10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72. (**b**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89. (**c**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(2) In the case of a single-decked vehicle registered after 1st July, 1931, and before 1st October, 1936, the following condition shall be substituted for condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation :—

"(*b*) The stability of a single-decked vehicle shall be such that the point at which overturning occurs would not be passed if, when the vehicle is complete and fully equipped for service and loaded with weights placed in the correct relative positions to represent the driver and conductor (if carried) and a full complement of passengers, the surface on which the vehicle stands were tilted to either side to an angle of 28 degrees from the horizontal".

(3) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st July, 1931.

(4) For the purpose of conducting tests of stability the height of any stop used to prevent a wheel of the vehicle from slipping sideways shall not be greater than two-thirds of the distance between the surface upon which the vehicle stands before it is tilted and that part of the rim of that wheel which is then nearest to such surface when the vehicle is loaded in accordance with the requirements of this Regulation.

(5) For the purposes of this Regulation 140 lbs. shall be deemed to represent the weight of one person.

*Suspension*

**6.**—(1) Every vehicle shall be fitted with an efficient suspension system so designed and constructed that there is no excessive body sway.

(2) Every vehicle shall be so constructed or adapted that a failure of a spring, torsion bar or other resilient component of the suspension system is not likely to cause the driver to lose directional control of the vehicle :

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959.

(3) For the purpose of this Regulation a tyre shall not be regarded as forming part of the suspension system.

*Turning circle*

**7.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, every vehicle shall be so constructed as to be capable of turning in either direction in a circle which, traced at ground level by a vertical line passing through any part of the vehicle included in the overall length and overall width of the vehicle, does not exceed in diameter 65 feet in the case of a vehicle not exceeding 27 feet in overall length and 71 feet in the case of a vehicle exceeding 27 feet in overall length.

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered after 1st January, 1932, and before 1st April, 1959, paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply and every such vehicle shall—

(*a*) if registered after 1st January, 1932, and before 1st June, 1950, be so constructed as to be capable of turning in either direction in a circle which, traced at ground level by the extreme outer edge of the wheel track, does not exceed in diameter 60 feet in the case of a vehicle not exceeding 26 feet in overall length and 66 feet in the case of a vehicle exceeding 26 feet in overall length ; and

(*b*) if registered on or after 1st June, 1950, and before 1st April, 1959, be capable of complying with the requirements of sub-paragraph (*a*) of this paragraph as modified by the substitution of references to "27 feet" for references to "26 feet".

(3) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932.

*Clearance*

**8.** Save as provided in Regulation 9 of these Regulations, no part other than the starting handle or any snow-plough of any fully laden vehicle standing on level ground shall, within the limits hereinafter specified, be nearer the ground than 10 inches. The limits shall extend:—

(i) in length rearwards from the foremost part of the vehicle for a distance of 13 feet or, if the foremost non-steerable axle is less than 13 feet from the foremost part of the vehicle, up to but not including that axle;

(ii) in width for a distance on either side of the centre line of the vehicle of not less than one-third of the distance between the centre lines of the tracks of the front wheels:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st January, 1933, or a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers.

*Lifeguards*

**9.**—(1) Regulation 8 of these Regulations shall not apply in the case of any vehicle fitted with a lifeguard which complies in all respects with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this Regulation if no part of the vehicle (other than the actuating device) which is in front of the foremost part of the tray is nearer to the ground than 10 inches.

(2) (*a*) The lifeguard shall consist of two main parts—

(i) a tray or similar part; and

(ii) an actuating device which, when it is struck by or strikes an object, causes the tray or similar part to come into operation.

(*b*) When the actuating device is struck by or strikes an object the tray shall be brought into operation in the quickest possible manner and shall be retained in the operative position by positive means.

(*c*) The lower edge of the actuating device shall be as close to the ground as practicable and the device shall be hinged along its upper side so as to be free to move backwards through an angle sufficient to give a clearance of 10 inches at least between any part of the device and the ground.

(*d*) When the actuating device is not in operation the distance measured longitudinally from any part of such device to the foremost part of the tray shall be as great as practicable and not less than 2 feet.

(*e*) The tray shall have a minimum clear length from front to back of 2 feet.

(*f*) The actuating device and the tray shall extend across the vehicle for a width at least equal to that of the front wheel track, and shall not project beyond the outside edge of the tyre of either front wheel when such wheel is parallel with the longitudinal axis of the vehicle.

(*g*) The tray shall be so designed and constructed that when in operation—

(i) its front edge shall be in contact with the road surface for a width at least equal to that of the front wheel track;

(ii) it shall ride freely over the road surface; and

(iii) a person can be carried and retained thereon.

(*h*) The lifeguard shall be so constructed, designed and fitted to the vehicle that, when brought into operation as aforesaid, the object after passing under the actuating mechanism shall be prevented from coming into contact with the front wheels of the vehicle.

*Guard rails*

**10.** If any two wheels on either side of a vehicle have a clear space of more than 2 feet between the nearest points that space shall be effectively guarded to within 9 inches of the front wheel and 6 inches of the rear wheel and to within 1 foot of the ground when the vehicle is carrying no passengers and is standing on level ground.

*Side overhang*

**11.** No part of a vehicle included within the overall width thereof shall project laterally more than 6 inches beyond the outer face of the outer tyre on the rearmost wheel on the same side of the vehicle:

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, this Regulation shall have effect as if "7 inches" were substituted for "6 inches";

(ii) this Regulation shall not apply:—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st December, 1932;

(*b*) in the case of a vehicle registered after 1st December, 1932, and before 1st April, 1959, and not used as a stage carriage.

*Brakes*

**12.** All brakes with which a vehicle is required to be fitted shall act directly on the wheels of the vehicle and not through the transmission gear:

Provided that—

(i) this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st January, 1933;

(ii) in the case of a vehicle registered on or after 1st January, 1955, this Regulation shall not apply to a brake operated by a hand lever without the intervention of any hydraulic, electric or pneumatic device if—

(*a*) no universal joint is interposed between any such brake and the wheel or wheels so braked,

(*b*) the failure of any part through or by means of which the force necessary to apply the brake to any wheel is transmitted would not cause such wheel to become detached from the vehicle, and

(*c*) all the wheels of the vehicle are fitted with brakes all of which are operated by one means of operation.

**13.** The brakes of one of the braking systems shall be applied by pedal.

*Steering*

**14.**—(1) The steering mechanism shall be so constructed or arranged that no overlock shall be possible and that the wheels shall not in any circumstances foul any part of the vehicle.

(2) The steering arms shall, except in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, be polished but shall not be painted or plated.

(3) Dust-excluding covers fitted to any joint or connection of the steering mechanism shall be capable of being easily removed to facilitate inspection.

(4) The ball and socket joints of steering connections shall not be pendant:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932, or a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers.

*Brake and steering connections*

**15.** Where brake and steering connections are secured with bolts or pins, the bolts or pins shall be threaded and effectively locked. All connections made with bolts or pins shall be such that when they are in any position other than horizontal the head of the bolt or pin shall be uppermost.

*Hub projection*

**16.** No portion of any road wheel or any fittings thereof shall project more than 3½ inches beyond the outer face of the tyre:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932.

*Fuel tanks, carburettors, etc.*

**17.**—(1) In the case of a single-decked vehicle with a seating capacity for more than 12 passengers or a half-decked vehicle or the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle, no fuel tank shall be placed under any part of any gangway or under any part of any passage leading to an emergency exit if that part of the gangway or passage is within 2 feet of any entrance or exit:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, this paragraph shall be deemed to be complied with if no fuel tank is placed under any part of any gangway which is within 2 feet of any entrance or exit of a single-decked vehicle or half-decked vehicle or of the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle.

(2) In the case of a single-decked vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers no fuel tank shall be placed immediately under any entrance or exit and no filling point for such a tank shall be under or immediately adjacent to any entrance or exit.

(3) No part of any fuel tank or apparatus for the supply of fuel shall be placed in the compartments or other spaces provided for the accommodation of the driver or passengers:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959.

**18.**—(1) All fuel tanks and all apparatus supplying fuel to the engine shall be so placed or shielded that no fuel overflowing or leaking therefrom can fall or accumulate upon any woodwork or upon any part or fitting where it is capable of being readily ignited or can fall into any receptacle where it might accumulate.

(2) The filling points for all fuel tanks shall only be accessible from the outside of the vehicle and filler caps shall be so designed and constructed that they cannot be dislodged by accidental operation. The vent hole (if any) shall be protected from danger of penetration by fire and shall be so designed as to prevent fuel from being splashed over.

(3) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Regulation a device shall be provided by means of which the supply of fuel to any carburettor or fuel injection pump can be readily cut off and the following requirements shall be complied with in respect thereof:—

(i) the means of operation shall at all times be readily accessible from outside the vehicle and, except in the case of a vehicle fitted with a

compression ignition engine, shall be visible from the outside of the vehicle ; and

(ii) if the device is visible from the outside of the vehicle the " off " position of the means of operation thereof shall be clearly marked on the outside of the vehicle, and if it is not so visible, its position shall be clearly marked on the outside of the vehicle and the means of operation shall be indicated.

(4) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959,—

(*a*) being a vehicle fitted with a compression ignition engine, paragraph (3) of this Regulation shall not apply ;

(*b*) not being a vehicle fitted with a compression ignition engine, paragraph (3) of this Regulation shall be deemed to be complied with if a cock is fitted by means of which the supply of fuel to any carburettor can be immediately cut off, and the " off " position of the means of operation is clearly marked on the outside of the vehicle.

*Exhaust pipe*

**19.** The exhaust pipe shall be so fitted or shielded that no inflammable material can fall or be thrown upon it from any other part of the vehicle and that it is not likely to cause a fire through proximity to any inflammable material on the vehicle ; the outlet thereof shall be placed on the offside and far enough to the rear to prevent, so far as practicable, fumes from entering the vehicle.

*Locking of nuts*

**20.** All moving parts and all parts subject to severe vibration connected by bolts or studs and nuts shall be fastened by lock nuts or by nuts and efficient spring or lock nut washers, or by castellated nuts and split pins or by some other efficient device, so as to prevent their working or coming loose.

*Electrical equipment*

**21.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) Adequate artificial lighting shall be provided for the illumination of every deck with a permanent top. At least one lamp shall be provided as near as is practicable to the top of every staircase leading to an upper deck without a permanent top.

(*b*) Adequate artificial lighting shall be provided for any step or platform forming part of any entrance or exit other than an emergency exit.

(*c*) All electrical leads and cables shall be adequately insulated and where liable to be affected by exposure to water, petrol or oil shall be adequately protected.

(*d*) The voltage in any distributive electrical circuit, other than a high tension ignition circuit, shall not exceed 120 volts. Apparatus and associated connections having a voltage exceeding 120 volts shall be completely enclosed within a container of non-conducting material or a metal container which is in permanent and substantial electrical connection with a metal part of the vehicle structure.

(*e*) In every electrical circuit, other than a high tension ignition circuit, in which the voltage exceeds 50 volts:—

(i) all connections external to electrical apparatus shall be fully insulated ;

(ii) a manually-operated isolating switch shall be connected in each pole of the main circuit and shall be located in a position readily accessible to the driver or conductor ;

(iii) all metal forming part of an electrical system (other than metal carrying a current) shall be completely shielded by non-conducting material or shall be in permanent and substantial electrical connection with a metal part of the vehicle structure. Lamp holders shall be so constructed of or so shrouded in insulating material as to prevent a person from coming into contact with any metal part thereof or of the lamp cap when removing lamps or placing lamps in position.

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, conditions (*b*), (*d*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply.

*Body*

**22.** The body shall be securely affixed to the chassis. Every trap door in the floor of a vehicle shall be so fitted or fastened that it cannot become dislodged by vibration. No lifting device fitted to a trap door shall project above the level of the floor.

*Height of sides of body*

**23.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation and in the case of a vehicle without a permanent top the top of the side rails or panels shall be at least 3 feet above the deck and 1 foot 6 inches above the highest part of any passenger seat and the top of the front and back rails or panels shall be at least 4 feet above any part of the deck.

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959:—

(*a*) if it is not a single-decked vehicle paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall have effect as though "3 feet 3 inches" were substituted for "4 feet"; and

(*b*) if it is a single-decked vehicle that paragraph shall be deemed to be complied with if the height of the body sides from the deck measured at the sides of the vehicle is not less than 2 feet 4 inches.

(3) For the purposes of this Regulation a back rest shall not be deemed to be part of a seat, and the expression "deck" means the upper deck in the case of a vehicle with more than one deck.

*Steps, platforms and stairs*

**24.** A rear platform or the top of the tread of the lowest step for any entrance or exit to a vehicle, other than an emergency exit, shall not be more than 1 foot 5 inches or less than 10 inches above the ground when the vehicle is empty. All steps and the outer edge of a rear platform shall be fitted with non-slip treads. Fixed steps shall be not less than 9 inches wide and shall in no case project laterally beyond the body of the vehicle unless they are so protected by the front wings (or otherwise) that they are not liable to injure pedestrians: For the purposes of this Regulation "rear platform" means a platform from which passengers can step directly to the ground through an exit without any step intervening:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932.

**25.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the following conditions shall be complied with in the case of a double-decked vehicle:—

(*a*) The risers of all steps leading from the lower to the upper deck shall be closed. No unguarded aperture shall be left at the top landing board.

(*b*) All steps leading from the lower to the upper deck shall be fitted with non-slip treads.

(*c*) The horizontal distance from the nearest point of the riser of the top step to the vertical line passing through the nearest point of the seat opposite to the top tread of the staircase, excluding any grab rail which does not project more than 4 inches from the back of the seat, shall not be less than 2 feet 2 inches.

(*d*) The outer stringer of an outside staircase shall be so constructed, or a band shall be so placed, as to act as a screen to persons ascending or descending, and the height of the outer guard rail shall not be less than 4 feet above the front of the tread of each step.

(2) A vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932, shall not be required to comply with condition (*c*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

(3) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, condition (*d*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall have effect as though "3 feet 3 inches" were substituted for "4 feet".

*Number and position of entrances and exits*

**26.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation the following conditions shall be complied with by every vehicle to which the said conditions respectively relate :—

(*a*) A half-decked vehicle, a single-decked vehicle with a permanent top and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle shall be provided with not less than two exits (one of which may be an emergency exit) which shall not both be situated on the same side of the vehicle.

(*b*) Where, in the case of a single-decked vehicle and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle, the seating capacity, in either case, exceeds 30 passengers, and the exits provided in accordance with condition (*a*) of this paragraph are so placed that the distance between lines drawn at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the centres of such exits at gangway level is less than 10 feet, an additional exit shall be provided at a distance of not less than 10 feet from one of the two exits measured between lines drawn as aforesaid and passing through the nearest points of the openings thereof.

(*c*) 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 condition (*a*) of this paragraph.

The emergency exit provided in accordance with this condition 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.

(*d*) Where access is obtained to the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle by means of an enclosed staircase and that deck is provided with a permanent top an emergency exit, which need not be provided with a staircase and shall not be on the nearside of the vehicle, shall be provided on the upper deck.

(*e*) Every entrance of every vehicle shall be on the nearside.

(*f*) In the case of every vehicle a grab handle shall be fitted to each entrance or exit other than an emergency exit to assist passengers in boarding or alighting from the vehicle.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Regulation, it will be a sufficient compliance with conditions (*a*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation if—

(i) in the case of a double-decked vehicle provided with a rear platform (as defined in Regulation 24 of these Regulations), that platform communicates with the lower deck by means of a doorless opening and has a doorless opening on the nearside of the vehicle continuous with one at the rear serving together as a means of both entrance and exit to the vehicle ; and

(ii) in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 14 passengers, one means of exit and entrance is provided which is behind the rear wheels but not on the offside.

(3) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply, condition (*e*) of the said paragraph (1) shall not apply if the vehicle is not used as a stage carriage or is a single-decked vehicle not fitted with a permanent top and it will be sufficient compliance with conditions (*a*) and (*e*) of the said paragraph (1) if—

(i) in the case of a vehicle provided with a rear platform that platform communicates with the deck or, in the case of a double-decked vehicle, the lower deck by means of a doorless opening and has an opening on the near side of the vehicle continuous with one at the rear serving together as a means of both entrance and exit to the vehicle ; and

(ii) in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 14 passengers, one means of exit and entrance is provided which is behind the rear wheels.

(4) In the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932, conditions (*a*), (*d*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply provided that there is one exit in rear of the rear wheels thereof and that the width of the clear opening is not less than 1 foot 6 inches.

*Width of entrances and exits*

**27.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, every entrance and exit shall be at least 1 foot 9 inches in width :

Provided that—

(i) where in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (2) or (3) of Regulation 26 of these Regulations one exit only is provided, the width of such exit measured along the rear of the vehicle may be less than 1 foot 9 inches but not less than 1 foot 6 inches if the width of the exit to the side of the vehicle is not less than 1 foot 9 inches ;

(ii) the size of an emergency exit in the roof of a half-decked vehicle and the size of an emergency exit from the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle shall not be less than 5 feet by 1 foot 6 inches and the size of an additional emergency exit from a single-decked vehicle and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle provided in accordance with condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 26 shall be not less than 3 feet by 1 foot 9 inches ;

(iii) where the same entrance is used for both the upper and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle no part of the entrance measured along the nearside of the vehicle shall be less than 3 feet in width. For the purpose of this proviso any stanchion may be disregarded.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932, if there is one exit in rear of the rear wheels thereof and the width of the clear opening of that exit is not less than 1 foot 6 inches.

*Height of emergency exits*

**28.** The clear height at the centre line of any emergency exit (other than an emergency exit complying with the dimensions specified in proviso (ii) to paragraph (1) of Regulation 27 of these Regulations) shall not be less, in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 14 passengers, than 4 feet or, in any other case, than 4 feet 6 inches:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959.

*Doors*

**29.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the following conditions shall be complied with by every vehicle:—

(*a*) Every entrance and exit door shall be capable of being readily opened from inside and outside the vehicle by one operation of the locking mechanism.

(*b*) The device provided outside the vehicle for operating the locking mechanism of a door (not being an emergency exit on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle or in the roof of a half-decked vehicle) shall be easily accessible to persons of normal height standing at ground level outside the vehicle.

(*c*) Means shall be provided for holding every entrance and exit door securely in the closed position.

(*d*) All locks and fastenings fitted to entrance and exit doors shall be so designed and fitted that they cannot become dislodged or operated accidentally.

(*e*) Where any entrances are provided with doors which are intended to remain open when the vehicle is in motion suitable fastenings shall be provided to hold such doors securely in the open position.

(*f*) Every sliding door and every folding door fitted to an entrance or exit shall be provided with suitable fastenings to prevent it from being closed by the movement of the vehicle.

(*g*) All doors shall open so as not to obstruct clear access to any entrance or exit either from inside or from outside the vehicle.

(*h*) In the case of any door which is operated by power a means by which the door may be opened shall be provided inside the vehicle on or adjacent to the door, and its position shall be clearly marked. The storage and transmission systems of such power shall be such that operation of the doors does not adversely affect the efficient operation of the braking system of the vehicle. The apparatus shall be so designed and constructed that in the event of the system becoming inoperative the door shall be capable of being operated manually from both inside and outside the vehicle.

(2) A vehicle shall not be deemed to fail to comply with condition (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation by reason only of the fact that, for the purpose of securing the vehicle when unattended, any entrance or exit door has been fitted with a supplementary lock with or without an actuating mechanism if such lock is so designed and constructed that the door can at all times be opened by a person inside the vehicle by one operation of the ordinary locking mechanism.

(3) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1936, condition (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall have effect subject to the modification that it shall not be necessary for the door of any exit, other

than an emergency exit, to be capable of being readily opened from outside the vehicle.

(4) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, conditions (*b*), (*c*), (*f*) and (*h*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply, and the following condition shall be substituted for condition (*d*):—

" Door handles or levers to door catches shall be so designed and fitted that they are not liable to be dislodged or to be operated accidentally ".

*Emergency exits*

~~20.—~~(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the following conditions shall be complied with as respects every vehicle:—

(*a*) The means of operation of all emergency exits shall be clearly indicated.

(*b*) All emergency exits shall—

(i) be clearly marked as such inside and outside the vehicle ;

(ii) be fitted with doors which open outwards ;

(iii) except in the case of an emergency exit provided in the roof of a half-decked vehicle in accordance with Regulation 26 of these Regulations be easily accessible to the passengers ;

(iv) in the case of a single-decked or half-decked vehicle or the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle be so situated that passengers can step directly from the passage referred to in condition (*c*) of this paragraph to the outside of the vehicle:

Provided that this requirement shall not apply in respect of an emergency exit in the roof of the vehicle or an additional exit provided in accordance with condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 26.

(*c*) Between every exit, other than an emergency exit provided in the roof of a half-decked vehicle in accordance with Regulation 26 of these Regulations, and a gangway there shall be a passage which—

(i) is not of less dimensions than those prescribed for a gangway in condition (*a*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 32 of these Regulations ;

(ii) is so designed that a vertical line projected upwards from the centre line of the passage at floor level shall, to a height of 2 feet 6 inches from the level of the deck, be laterally not less than 6 inches from any part of the vehicle (other than any cowling or cover which projects not more than 9 inches from the bulkhead into the passage at floor level and not more than 9 inches above the deck level and the provision of which is required by the projection of part of the chassis or mechanism of the vehicle into the body) ;

(iii) shall have a clear height at every point along the centre line of the passage of 5 feet from the deck level:

Provided that—

(I) for the purposes of sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this condition a seat placed below or in front of an emergency exit on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle or an additional exit provided in accordance with condition (*b*) of sub-paragraph (1) of Regulation 26 may be deemed to form part of such a passage ; and

(II) sub-paragraph (iii) of this condition shall not apply in the case of a passage leading to an emergency exit on the upper deck of a double-decked vehicle or an additional exit provided in accordance with condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 26 and shall not apply in the

case of a passage on a single-decked vehicle fitted with a permanent top if the vehicle either has a seating capacity for not more than 14 passengers or is constructed and used solely for the purpose of conveying school-children and any necessary attendants to or from school.

(*d*) No emergency exit shall be fitted with any system of power operation for opening the doors thereof.

(*e*) The means of operation of all emergency exits other than those fitted to an upper deck of a double-decked vehicle or the roof of a half-decked vehicle shall be easily accessible to persons of normal height standing on ground level outside the vehicle.

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, sub-paragraph (iii) of condition (*c*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply and sub-paragraph (iv) of condition (*b*) shall not apply to any such vehicle having a rear platform if an emergency exit not less than 5 feet by 1 foot 6 inches is provided from the rear platform to the rear of the vehicle, and there is an exit enclosed by a door on the near side of the rear platform.

(3) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1938, sub-paragraph (ii) of condition (*c*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply.

(4) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1936, sub-paragraph (iv) of condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply.

(5) In the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932, conditions (*b*), (*c*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply if there is one exit in rear of the rear wheels thereof and the width of the clear opening is not less than 1 foot 6 inches.

*Access to exits*

**31.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, the following conditions shall be complied with by every vehicle to which the said conditions respectively relate :—

(*a*) In every vehicle there shall be unobstructed accessibility from every seat to at least two exits or to one exit where one exit only is required by these Regulations :

Provided that this condition shall not apply in the case of—

(i) any seats beside the driver's seat, if there is access to such seats by an entrance other than the driver's entrance ;

(ii) seats on any deck of a vehicle if that deck is not provided with a permanent top and if there is unobstructed accessibility from every seat on that deck to some exit.

(*b*) No seat shall be fitted to any door of any vehicle.

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

(2) A vehicle registered before 1st October, 1936, which is not used as a stage carriage shall not be required to comply with condition (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

*Width of gangways*

**32.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) The width of every gangway shall be not less than—

(i) 1 foot up to a height of 2 feet 6 inches above the level of the deck ;

(ii) 1 foot 2 inches at heights exceeding 2 feet 6 inches but not exceeding 4 feet above the level of the deck; and

(iii) 1 foot 6 inches at heights exceeding 4 feet above the level of the deck.

(*b*) A vertical line projected upwards from the centre line of any gangway at deck level shall, to the height prescribed in Regulation 33 of these Regulations as the height of that gangway, be laterally not less than 6 inches from any part of the vehicle other than the roof over the gangway.

(*c*) No part of any gangway which serves as a joint means of access from any entrance to both the upper and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle shall be less than 3 feet in width.

(*d*) No part of any gangway which is within 3 feet of an exit (other than an emergency exit) to which it leads shall be less than 1 foot 9 inches in width.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation when any space in front of a seat is required for the accommodation of seated passengers the space within 9 inches of the seat shall not be taken into account in measuring the width of a gangway.

(3) In the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers condition (*d*) of paragraph (1) and paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall not apply.

(4) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, conditions (*a*) and (*d*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply and the width of every gangway shall be not less than 1 foot up to a height of 2 feet 6 inches above the level of the deck, and not less than 1 foot 2 inches above that height.

(5) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1938, condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply.

(6) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1936, condition (*c*) of paragraph (1), and paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall not apply.

(7) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932.

*Height of gangways*

**33.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) The clear height at every point along the centre line of any gangway between the limits specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall be as follows:—

(i) in the case of a single-decked vehicle (other than a vehicle referred to in sub-paragraph (iii) of this condition), fitted with a permanent top, and a half-decked vehicle and the lower deck of a double-decked vehicle, not less than 5 feet 10 inches if the seating capacity of the vehicle exceeds 14 passengers and not less than 5 feet 3 inches in any other case;

(ii) in the case of the top deck of a double-decked vehicle fitted with a permanent top not less than 5 feet 8 inches; and

(iii) in the case of a single-decked vehicle the seating capacity of which exceeds 14 passengers and which is constructed and used solely for the purpose of conveying school-children and any necessary attendants to and from school not less than 5 feet 6 inches.

(*b*) Except as regards any part of any gangway on the right or offside of the vehicle which is required only to provide access to the foremost passenger seat, the clear height at every point along the centre line of any gangway shall, outside the limits specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation, be not less than the clear height prescribed in condition (*a*) of this paragraph reduced by 4 inches.

(*c*) In the case of a single-decked vehicle without a permanent top, when the hood is extended or raised its height from the level of the deck shall in no place be less than 5 feet along the centre line of the vehicle except over the driver's seat.

(*d*) In the case of the top deck of a double-decked vehicle, no part of any gangway shall project into the compartment or other space provided for the accommodation of the driver.

(2) The clear height prescribed in condition (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall extend from the front edge of the foremost passenger seat adjacent to the gangway to the front edge of the rearmost passenger seat adjacent to that gangway:

Provided that where the gangway is on the right or offside of the vehicle it shall be a sufficient compliance with the requirements of sub-paragraph (ii) of condition (*a*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation if the clear height of 5 feet 8 inches extends from a point 1 foot 6 inches behind the front edge of the foremost passenger seat adjacent to that gangway to the front edge of the rearmost passenger seat adjacent to that gangway.

(3) In the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, the foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall not apply, but, in the case of such a vehicle, the clear height along the centre line of any gangway shall be not less than 4 feet 8 inches except for a distance of 12 inches measured along the centre line of the gangway from each entrance or exit along which distance the clear height shall not be less than 4 feet.

(4) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of any vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932, or a half-decked vehicle registered before 8th August, 1950.

(5) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1936, condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply.

(6) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st January, 1947, condition (*d*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply.

*Seats*

**34.**—(1) The supports of all seats shall be securely fixed in position.

(2) At least 1 foot 4 inches measured in a straight line lengthwise along the front of each seat shall be allowed for each passenger:

Provided that in the case of a continuous seat fitted with arms for the purpose of separating the seating spaces the seat shall be measured for the purposes of this paragraph as though it was not fitted with arms if the arms are so constructed that they can be folded back or otherwise put out of use.

**35.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) Every seat shall have a back rest so closed or otherwise constructed as to prevent as far as possible the pockets of passengers from being picked.

(*b*) Passenger seats shall be so fitted that—

(i) the distance between any part of the back rest of any seat placed lengthwise and the corresponding part of the back rest of the seat

facing it shall not be less, in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, than 4 feet 6 inches or, in any other case, than 5 feet 3 inches; and

(ii) there is a clear space of at least 2 feet in front of the back rest of any seat measured at the centre of each complete length of at least 1 foot 4 inches provided for each passenger in accordance with Regulation 34 of these Regulations and 8 inches in front of any part of such seat:

Provided that in the case of a seat for more than three passengers fitted to a stage carriage access to which can be obtained only from one end of the seat, the said clear spaces shall be at least 2 feet 3 inches and one foot respectively.

(*c*) There shall be a clear space of at least 1 foot 7 inches between any part of the front edge of any transverse seat and any part of any other seat which faces it.

For the purpose of this condition, any support for a table may be disregarded if there is a clear space of at least 9 inches between such support and the front edge of the nearest seat and the support is not in such a position as to cause discomfort to passengers occupying the seats.

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, the following condition shall be substituted for condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation:—

"(*b*) Passenger seats shall be so fitted that—

(i) no part of the back rest of any seat placed lengthwise shall be less than 4 feet 6 inches from the corresponding part of the back rest of the seat facing it; and

(ii) in the case of a vehicle registered after 1st January, 1932, there is a clear space of at least 2 feet 2 inches in front of the whole length of the top of the back rest of every transverse seat, any handles or grips which do not project more than 4 inches from the back rest being disregarded when measuring the clear space herein referred to."

(3) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of any vehicle registered on or before 1st March, 1937, which complies, without alteration made to the seating accommodation after the said 1st March, with the requirements of the Regulations in force immediately prior to 8th June, 1937.

(4) For the purpose of this Regulation the expression "back rest" includes any part of the vehicle which is available for seated passengers to lean against.

**36.** No seat shall be placed in such a position as to cause discomfort to passengers. There shall be a clear space measured vertically at the centre of each complete length of 1 foot 4 inches allowed for each passenger in accordance with Regulation 34 of these Regulations; such clear space shall not be less, in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, than 3 feet, or, in any other case, than 3 feet 2 inches:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, this Regulation shall be deemed to be complied with if no seat over a wheel arch is placed in such a position as to cause discomfort to passengers.

**37.** Where any seat is so placed that a passenger seated upon it is liable to be thrown through any exit or entrance or down a stairway an effective screen or guard shall be placed so as to provide protection for any passenger occupying that seat:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, this Regulation shall apply only to a transverse seat and shall have effect as if the words " exit or " were omitted.

**38.** The shortest distance between the edge of any step well and a vertical plane passing through the front edge of a seat shall not be less than 9 inches:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st October, 1936.

*Guarding of transverse windows*

**39.** Transverse glass windows or panels which are liable to be broken by passengers being thrown against them shall be adequately guarded unless they are made of safety glass:

Provided that in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, this Regulation shall only apply to glass windows or panels facing any transverse seat.

*Markings*

**40.** Every vehicle shall be marked in accordance with the provisions of the regulations for the time being in operation under section 9 of the Transport Charges etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1954(a) (which provides, amongst other things, for marks to be carried on public service vehicles showing the number of seated and standing passengers the vehicles are fit to carry).

**41.** All markings required by these Regulations (other than Regulation 40) shall be clearly visible and shall be in letters not less than 1 inch in height in colours which contrast with their background.

*Ventilation*

**42.** There shall be adequate ventilation for both passengers and driver without the necessity for opening any main window or wind-screen.

*Driver's accommodation*

**43.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) Every vehicle shall be so designed that the driver has adequate room and can easily reach and quickly operate the controls.

(*b*) The steering pillar shall be on the right or offside of the vehicle and the driver's seat shall be so placed as to permit him to give by hand the usual traffic signals on the offside of the vehicle.

(*c*) The controls shall be so placed as to allow reasonable access to the driver's seat.

(*d*) The accommodation for the driver shall be so arranged as to afford adequate protection during bad weather.

(*e*) Means shall be provided where necessary to prevent light from the interior of the vehicle from incommoding the driver. The means so provided in respect of any window on the offside of the centre line of the vehicle shall be capable of being operated by the driver when occupying his seat.

(*f*) Except in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, the driver's seat shall be capable of being adjusted in the vertical direction and in the horizontal direction parallel to the

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longitudinal axis of the vehicle and of being firmly secured in any desired position within the limits of such adjustments. The range of adjustments shall permit the seat to be fixed in a position such that the horizontal distance between the nearest part of the steering wheel and the back-rest of the seat is 1 foot 2 inches and the vertical distance between the lowest part of the steering wheel and a horizontal plane level with the top of the seat cushion is 8 inches and also permit the seat to be adjusted at least 2 inches in each direction forwards, backwards, upwards and downwards from that position.

(2) In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, conditions (*c*) and (*f*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply and condition (*e*) shall have effect as if the second sentence were omitted.

(3) Condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply in the case of any vehicle registered on or before 30th June, 1932, if adequate provision is made to enable the driver to give the usual traffic signals on the offside of the vehicle by mechanical or electrical means.

**44.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, every vehicle shall comply with the following conditions:—

(*a*) Direct and reasonable access shall be provided to the driver's seat either from the offside of the vehicle or by means of a passage which shall be not less than 1 foot in width up to a height of 2 feet 6 inches above the floor and not less than 1 foot 2 inches above that height and shall comply with the requirement prescribed for the gangway of the vehicle by condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 32 of these Regulations.

(*b*) Where the access to the driver's seat is from the offside of the vehicle—

(i) an opening in the side of the vehicle shall be provided which shall have a clear width of not less than 1 foot 6 inches, except where this dimension cannot be provided only by reason of the presence of a portion of the wheel arch in the opening;

(ii) a grab handle shall be fitted to assist the driver in boarding and alighting from the vehicle; and

(iii) a step shall be provided on the vehicle at a convenient position and height adjacent to the opening if the lowest point of the sill of such opening is more than 2 feet 3 inches from ground level when the vehicle is unladen.

(*c*) Where there is a separate and enclosed compartment for the driver and access to the driver's seat is from the offside of the vehicle an emergency escape window which shall be easily accessible to the driver and shall have a clear opening of not less than 1 foot 9 inches by 1 foot 6 inches shall be provided which shall not be on the offside of the compartment.

(2) This Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered on or before 1st January, 1932.

(3) Conditions (*b*) and (*c*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959.

(4) In the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, condition (*a*) and sub-paragraph (ii) of condition (*b*) shall not apply but direct and reasonable access shall be provided to the driver's seat.

**45.**—(1) There shall not be any seat on the right-hand side of the driver's seat.

(2) Where the driver's seat is continuous with a seat for passengers on the left-hand side of the driver, a space of at least 1 foot 6 inches from the centre of the steering column to the left thereof shall be reserved for the driver and shall be divided off from such passengers by means of a solid partition at least 9 inches high from seat level and extending for the whole depth of the seat.

*Wind-screens and wind-screen wipers*

**46.** Where a vehicle is fitted with a front wind-screen for the driver, at least one efficient automatic wind-screen wiper shall be fitted and the wind-screen shall, except where an adequate demisting and defrosting device is fitted, be capable of being opened, if necessary, so as to give the driver a clear view of the road ahead.

*Passengers' communication with driver*

**47.** Except in the case of a vehicle with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, efficient means shall be provided to enable passengers on any deck to signal to the driver.

*Wireless apparatus*

**48.** No wireless receiving apparatus or speech transmitting apparatus shall be fitted in any vehicle in such a position that the controls (other than volume controls and controls designed and constructed to operate only in positively located steps or positions) can be operated by the driver when occupying his seat:

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply in the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959.

*Luggage Racks*

**49.** Luggage racks, when fitted, shall be so designed and constructed that there is no likelihood that any article thereon which may become dislodged whilst the vehicle is in motion would fall on the driver or interfere with his control of the vehicle.

*General construction*

**50.**—(1) Every vehicle shall comply in all respects with the requirements as to the construction, weight and equipment of motor vehicles contained in any Regulations for the time being in force and made under section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, which are applicable to the vehicle, and the vehicle, including all bodywork, upholstery and fittings, shall be soundly and properly constructed of suitable materials, well finished and in good and serviceable condition, and of such design that it is capable of withstanding the loads and stresses likely to be met with in operation.

(2) No vehicle shall be so constructed or adapted as to be incapable of being fitted with a lighting system which complies with the requirements of the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1957(a), or of any Regulations for the time being in force and made under that Act, and no vehicle shall be fitted with a lighting system which is so constructed or adapted as to be incapable of complying with those requirements.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this eighteenth day of March, 1958.

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## SCHEDULE

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941(a).

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1946(b).

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1946(c).

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1946(d).

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1950(e).

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

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1954(g).

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1955(h).

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations, which prescribe the conditions to be satisfied by a public service vehicle before a certificate of fitness (without the issue of which a vehicle may not be licensed to be used as a public service vehicle) can be obtained, consolidate with amendment the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) Regulations, 1941, and the amending Regulations set out in the Schedule.

The principal changes relate to the following matters:—

(*a*) suspension (Reg. 6);

(*b*) calculation of turning circle requirements (Reg. 7);

(*c*) certain relaxations as to clearance (Reg. 8) and guard rails (Reg. 10);

(*d*) application of requirements as to side overhang to express carriages and contract carriages (Reg. 11);

(*e*) fitting of fuel tanks (Regs. 17, 18);

(*f*) electrical equipment (Reg. 21);

(*g*) height of front, back and side panels of body of open single-decked vehicles (Reg. 23);

(*h*) height of outside staircase rails (Reg. 25 (1) (*d*));

(*i*) position of exits (Reg. 26 (1) (*b*)) and size (Reg. 27 (1));

(*j*) height of emergency exits (Reg. 28) and passages leading to them (Reg. 30 (1) (*c*) (iii));

(*k*) power-assisted doors (Reg. 29 (1) (*h*) and 30 (1) (*d*));

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(a) S.R. & O. 1941/514 (Rev. XX, p. 413: 1941 I, p. 1052). (b) S.R. & O. 1946/940 (Rev. XX, p. 413: 1946 I, p. 1524). (c) S.R. & O. 1946/1904 (Rev. XX, p. 413: 1946 I, p. 1525). (d) S.R. & O. 1946/2167 (Rev. XX, p. 413: 1946 I, p. 1526). (e) S.I. 1950/667 (1950 II, p. 754). (f) S.I. 1950/1240 (1950 II, p. 756). (g) S.I. 1954/1613 (1954 II, p. 1849). (h) S.I. 1955/472 (1955 II. p. 2063).

(*l*) seats on doors (Reg. 31 (1) (*b*));

(*m*) gangways (Reg. 32 (1) (*a*) (*d*));

(*n*) space in front of seats (Reg. 35 (1) (*b*)) and above seats (Reg. 36);

(*o*) driver's accommodation (Regs. 43, 44);

(*p*) wind-screens (Reg. 46);

(*q*) wireless apparatus (Reg. 48);

(*r*) luggage racks (Reg. 49); and

(*s*) lighting equipment (Reg. 50 (2)).

Of the foregoing changes the following relate only to vehicles first registered on or after 1st April, 1959, viz. (*b*), (*d*), (*g*), (*h*), (*i*), (*j*), (*m*), (*n*), (*o*), (*q*).

Certain exemptions are included for vehicles with a seating capacity for not more than 12 passengers, namely in Regulations 8 (clearance), 11 (side overhang), 14 (steering), 17 (fuel tanks), 32 (width of gangways), 33 (height of gangways), 35, 36 (seats), 43, 44 (driver's accommodation), and 47 (communication with driver).

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