EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Metropolitan Traffic Area (Drivers' and Conductors' Licences) Order, 1934, provides, inter alia, for the transfer of the function of granting licences to drive or act as conductor of public service vehicles to persons resident in the Metropolitan Traffic Area from the Metropolitan Traffic Commissioner to the Commissioner of Police of the metropolis. For this purpose the Order makes adaptations and modifications of certain of the provisions of Part IV of the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

This Order alters the 1934 Order by restating the adaptations and modifications made by that Order so as to clarify their effect and by making adaptations and modifications of other provisions of Part IV of the Act of 1930 as follows:—

section 73 (3) (which provides that a licence issued in one traffic area shall be valid in every other area);

section 77 (4) (which provides for the revocation and suspension of licences);

section 79 (which provides for the procedure on applications for licences); and

section 94 (which provides for regulations to be made, inter alia, as to the return of void or revoked licences).

1959 No. 382

The Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959

Made - - - -	*5th March*, 1959
Laid before Parliament	*12th March*, 1959
Coming into Operation	*16th March*, 1959

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, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 111 of the said Act of 1930, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the sixteenth day of March, 1959, and may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness) (Amendment) Regulations, 1959.

(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, 1958(c), shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in paragraph (2) of Regulation 7 for the words "paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not apply and every such" there shall be substituted the words "which cannot satisfy the requirements of paragraph (1) of this Regulation the";

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1958/473 (1958 II, p. 2014)

(*b*) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 17 after the words "leading to an emergency exit" there shall be inserted the words "not being such an exit provided in accordance with condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 26 of these Regulations";

(*c*) at the end of Regulation 32 there shall be added the following paragraph—

"(8) For the purposes of this and the next succeeding Regulation, in the case of a vehicle where two passenger seats are placed lengthwise and face each other and the space between those seats is not required for the purpose of obtaining access from an entrance to any other seat or from any other seat to an exit not being an emergency exit, that space shall not be treated as forming part of the gangway.

In this paragraph the expression "passenger seat" means a seat for one passenger only, or the measured portion of a continuous seat allowed for one passenger only in accordance with Regulation 34 of these Regulations"; and

(*d*) in paragraph (2) of Regulation 35 for the words from "In the case of" to "this Regulation" there shall be substituted the words "In the case of a vehicle registered before 1st April, 1959, which cannot comply with the requirements of condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation, this Regulation shall have effect as though for condition (*b*) of that paragraph there were substituted the following condition:—".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this fifth day of March, 1959.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

These Regulations make changes in the earlier Regulations in the following respects:—

(1) Regulation 7, which lays down minimum turning circle requirements, is modified so that vehicles first registered after 1st January, 1932, and before 1st April, 1959, need now only comply with the requirements specified in paragraph (2), if they cannot comply with the requirements specified in paragraph (1) of that Regulation (Reg. 2 (*a*)).

(2) Regulation 17 requires in the case of certain vehicles fuel tanks not to be placed under any part of a gangway or a passage leading to an emergency exit, if that part is within two feet of any entrance or exit. In relation to a passage leading to an emergency exit provided in accordance with Regulation 26 (1) (*b*), this requirement is now not to apply (Reg. 2 (*b*)).

(3) Regulations 32 and 33 respectively specify requirements ase regards the width and height of gangways. These requirements are now excluded from applying to any space between two facing seats placed lengthwise which is not required for the purpose of obtaining normal access to any other seats or to an exit from those other seats (Reg. 2 (*c*)).

(4) Paragraph (2) of Regulation 35 is modified so that vehicles registered before 1st April, 1959, need now only comply with the conditions as to minimum measurements between and in front of seats specified in that paragraph, if they cannot comply with the requirements of condition (*b*) of paragraph (1) of that Regulation relating to such measurements (Reg. 2 (*d*)).

PURCHASE TAX

RATES OF TAX AND GOODS CHARGEABLE

1959 No. 809

The Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1959

Made - - - -	*4th May*, 1959
Laid before the House of Commons	*8th May*, 1959
Coming into Operation	*12th May*, 1959

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, by virtue of the powers conferred on them by section twenty-one of the Finance Act, 1948(**a**), as amended by Part II of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1958(**b**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. Drugs and medicines, manufactured or prepared (except toilet preparations) of any of the classes specified in the Schedule to this Order shall not be included in any class of goods which are chargeable goods within the meaning of the enactments relating to purchase tax.

2.—(1) Part I of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1958, as amended by the Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1958(**c**), shall have effect as if for the reference in Group 33 therein to the Schedule to that Order there were substituted a reference to the Schedule to this Order.

(2) The Purchase Tax (No. 3) Order, 1958, is hereby revoked.

3.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Purchase Tax (No. 2) Order, 1959.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**d**), shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) This Order shall come into operation on the twelfth day of May, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

Dated this fourth day of May, 1959.

Martin Redmayne,
Paul Bryan,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 49. (b) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 56. (c) S.I. 1958/2173 (1958 II, p. 2045).
(d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.