STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 142

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1980

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Coming into Operation	*5th March* 1980

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 40(1) and (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** and now vested in him **(b)**, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972 hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 5th March 1980 and may be cited as the Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1980.

2. The Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1977**(c)** shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. For Regulation 27 (Fire extinguishing apparatus) there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"**27.**—(1) There shall be carried by every minibus being used before 31st December 1988 suitable and efficient apparatus for extinguishing fire which is of either one or more of the types specified in paragraph 1 of Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations or one or more of the types specified in paragraph 2 of Part I of that Schedule, and by every minibus being used on or after 31st December 1988 suitable and efficient apparatus for extinguishing fire which is of one or more of the types specified in paragraph 2 of Part I of that Schedule.

(2) The apparatus referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be—

(*a*) readily available for use,

(*b*) clearly marked with the appropriate British Standards Institution specification number, and

(*c*) maintained in good and efficient working order.".

(a) 1972 c. 20.

(b) S.I. 1979/571.

(c) S.I. 1977/2103.

4. For Regulation 28 (First aid equipment), there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

"**28.**—(1) There shall be carried by every minibus being used before 31st March 1981 a receptacle which contains either the items specified in paragraph 1 of Part II of the Schedule to these Regulations or the items specified in paragraph 2 of Part II of that Schedule, and by every minibus being used on or after 31st March 1981 a receptacle which contains the items specified in paragraph 2 of Part II of that Schedule.

(2) The receptacle referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be—

(*a*) maintained in a good condition,

(*b*) suitable for the purpose of keeping the items referred to in the said paragraph in good condition,

(*c*) readily available for use, and

(*d*) prominently marked as a first aid receptacle.

(3) The items referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be maintained in good condition and shall be of a good and reliable quality and of a suitable design.".

5. For the Schedule there shall be substituted the revised Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Norman Fowler,
Minister of Transport.

4th February 1980.

THE SCHEDULE

(Revised Schedule to the Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1977)

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PART I (See Regulation 27)

FIRE EXTINGUISHING APPARATUS

1. (i) A foam-producing fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Foam Type (Chemical) and numbered B.S. 740: Part I: 1948.

(ii) A foam-producing fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Foam Type (Gas Pressure) and numbered B.S. 740: Part II: 1952.

(iii) A soda acid chemical fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Water Type (Soda Acid) and numbered B.S. 138: 1948.

(iv) A water fire extinguisher complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Water Type (Gas Pressure) and numbered B.S. 1382: 1948.

(v) A bromochlorodifluoromethane (B.C.F.) fire extinguisher with a liquid capacity of at least 1·35 kilograms, or two such extinguishers having an aggregate such capacity, complying in all respects with the specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of Portable Fire Extinguishers of the Halogenated Hydrocarbon Type and numbered B.S. 1721: 1968.

2. A fire extinguisher which complies in all respects with the specification for portable fire extinguishers issued by the British Standards Institution, published on 31st December 1976 and numbered B.S. 5423: 77 and which either—

(*a*) contains water with a minimum test fire rating of 8A, or

(*b*) contains foam with a minimum test fire rating of 8A and 21B, or

(*c*) contains and is marked to indicate that it contains halon 1211 or halon 1301 with, in either case, a minimum test fire rating of 21B.

PART II (See Regulation 28)

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

1. (i) Antiseptic cream which embodies acriflavine or aminoacridine.
(ii) One large sterilised dressing suitable for burns and wounds (not less than 75 millimetres × 75 millimetres).
(iii) Three medium sterilised wound dressings (gauze and wool or lint and wool not less than 50 millimetres × 50 millimetres).
(iv) Sterilised cotton wool 50 grams.
(v) Three roller bandages 75 millimetres × 5 metres.
(vi) Two triangular bandages.
(vii) One roll of surgical strapping (not less than 25 millimetres × 2·5 metres or 10 millimetres × 4·5 metres).
(viii) One pair of rustless scissors.
(ix) One box of large strong safety pins.

2. (i) Ten antiseptic wipes, foil packed.
(ii) One conforming disposable bandage (not less than 7·5 centimetres wide).
(iii) Two triangular bandages.
(iv) One packet of 24 assorted adhesive dressings.
(v) Three large sterile unmedicated ambulance dressings (not less than 15·0 centimetres × 20·0 centimetres).
(vi) Two sterile eye pads, with attachments.
(vii) Twelve assorted safety pins.
(viii) One pair of rustless blunt-ended scissors.".

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

1. These Regulations amend the Minibus (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations 1977 by introducing new requirements relating to fire extinguishing apparatus and first aid equipment.

2. As to fire extinguishing apparatus either the requirements originally specified in the 1977 Regulations or the new requirements may be complied with in the case of a minibus being used before 31st December 1988, and the new requirements must be complied with on or after that date. As to first aid equipment either the requirements originally specified in the 1977 Regulations (which have been slightly reduced) or the new requirements may be complied with in the case of a minibus being used before 31st March 1981, and the new requirements must be complied with on or after that date.