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**THE MOTOR VEHICLES (VARIATION OF SPEED LIMIT)  
REGULATIONS, 1947, DATED OCTOBER 13, 1947,  
MADE BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT.**

**1947 No. 2192**

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Geo. 5. c. 43.  
24 & 25  
Geo. 5. c. 50.

Whereas by subsection (2) of section 121 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), as amended by the Road Traffic Act, 1934, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") is empowered by regulations, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations, to vary in relation to motor vehicles owned by the Admiralty, the War Department or the Air Ministry and used for naval, military or air force purposes or to vehicles so used while being driven by persons for the time being subject to the orders of any member of the armed forces of the Crown or to motor vehicles used for salvage purposes pursuant to Part IX of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, the provisions of the First Schedule to the Act (which specifies the maximum speeds at which vehicles of certain classes or descriptions may be driven):

57 & 58  
Vict. c. 60.

And whereas in exercise of the said powers the Minister made the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Provisional Regulations, 1940, dated April 1st, 1940, varying the provisions of the said First Schedule in such manner as to impose no speed limit in relation to the said vehicles;

And whereas it is expedient that the said Provisional Regulations should be revoked and that the provisions of the said First Schedule should be varied in such manner as to impose no speed limit in relation only to certain of the said vehicles ;

Now therefore, the Minister in exercise of the powers conferred upon him as aforesaid and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into force on the twenty-third day of October, 1947, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Regulations, 1947".

2. The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limit) Provisional Regulations, 1940, dated April 1st, 1940, are hereby revoked.

3. The provisions of the First Schedule to the Act are hereby varied in manner following, that is to say, they shall have effect as though they imposed no speed limit in relation to:—

(a) motor vehicles of the types specified in the Schedule to these Regulations which are owned by the Admiralty, the War Department or the Air Ministry and used for naval, military or air force purposes or which are so used whilst being driven by persons for the time being subject to the orders of any member of the armed forces of the Crown ; or

(b) motor vehicles used for salvage purposes pursuant to Part IX of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

4. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict.  
c. 63.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this thirteenth day of October, 1947.

(L.S.) X1743  
C.E.S.

*Alfred Barnes,*  
The Minister of Transport.

#### SCHEDULE

1. Motor vehicles constructed or adapted
  - (a) for actual combative purposes, or for naval, military or air force training in connection therewith, or
  - (b) for the conveyance of personnel, or
  - (c) for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of, guns or machine guns.
2. Mobile cranes constructed or adapted for the raising of aircraft.
3. Motor track laying vehicles constructed or adapted
  - (a) for actual combative purposes, or
  - (b) for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of guns, machine guns, ammunition, equipment or stores in connection therewith.
4. Fire tenders.
5. Ambulances.