

STATUTORY RULES AND ORDERS

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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Public Service Vehicles

THE PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES (CONDUCT OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS AND PASSENGERS) REGULATIONS, 1936, DATED JUNE 18, 1936, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT.

The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers vested in him under or by virtue of Sections 84 and 85 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930,^(a) and of all other powers in that behalf vested in him hereby makes the following Regulations.

PART I.

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as “ The Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Regulations, 1936,” and shall come into force on 1st July, 1936.

(2) The Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Regulations, 1933,^(b) as subsequently amended, are hereby revoked.

(3) Nothing in these Regulations shall—

(a) affect the operation prior to the 1st day of July, 1936, of the Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Regulations, 1933, or anything done or suffered under those Regulations, or

(b) affect any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under those Regulations, or

(c) affect any fine or punishment incurred in respect of a breach of those Regulations, or

(d) affect any legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, fine or punishment ;

and any such legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced and any such fine or punishment may be imposed as if these Regulations had not been made.

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

(b) S.R. & O. 1933 (No. 235) p. 1752.

2. In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“ Vehicle ” means public service vehicle ;

“ Driver ” means a person licensed to drive a vehicle ;

“ Conductor ” means a person licensed to act as conductor of a vehicle or, in the case of a vehicle where there is no conductor, the driver ;

“ Authorised person ” means any employee of the licensee (including the conductor) on duty upon or in connection with the vehicle ;

“ Stage Carriage ”, “ Express Carriage ” and “ Contract Carriage ” have the meanings assigned to them in the Road Traffic Acts, 1930 to 1934.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889, (a) applies for the purpose of the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART II.

Drivers and Conductors.

4. A driver or a conductor, when acting as such,

- (a) shall behave in a civil and orderly manner ;
- (b) shall not smoke in or on a vehicle during a journey or when it has passengers on board ;
- (c) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of passengers in or on or entering or alighting from the vehicle ;
- (d) shall not wilfully deceive or refuse to inform any passenger or intending passenger as to the destination or route of the vehicle or as to the fare for any journey ;
- (e) shall, if requested by any police constable or other person having reasonable cause, give particulars of his licence, his name and the name and address of the person by whom he is employed ;
- (f) shall not, at any reasonable time, obstruct or neglect to give all reasonable information and assistance to any person having authority to examine the vehicle.

5. A driver, when acting as such, shall not when the vehicle is in motion speak to the conductor or any other person unless it is necessary to do so on grounds of safety.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

6. A conductor, when acting as such,

- (a) shall not when the vehicle is in motion distract the driver's attention without reasonable cause or speak to him unless it is necessary to do so in order to give directions as to the stopping of the vehicle ;
- (b) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that every means provided for indicating the route fares and destination of the vehicle are clearly and correctly displayed ;
- (c) shall to the best of his ability take steps whenever necessary to enforce the provisions of these Regulations relating to the conduct of passengers.

7. A driver of a stage carriage or an express carriage, when acting as such,

- (a) shall, when picking up or setting down passengers, stop the vehicle as close as may be to the left or near side of the road ;
- (b) shall not cause the vehicle to remain stationary on a road longer than is reasonably necessary to pick up or set down passengers except at a stand or place where such vehicles are permitted to stop for a longer time than is necessary for that purpose.

8. A conductor of a stage carriage or an express carriage, when acting as such, shall not, except for sufficient reason, by failing to signal to the driver to start, cause the vehicle to remain stationary on a road longer than is reasonably necessary to pick up or set down passengers except at a stand or place where the vehicle is permitted to stop for a longer time than is necessary for that purpose.

PART III.

Passengers.

9. When a public service vehicle is carrying passengers or waiting to pick up passengers a passenger or intending passenger shall not

- (i) use obscene or offensive language or conduct himself in a riotous or disorderly manner ;
- (ii) enter or alight from the vehicle otherwise than by the doors or openings provided for the purpose ;
- (iii) when entering or attempting to enter the vehicle wilfully and unreasonably impede passengers seeking to enter the vehicle or to alight therefrom ;
- (iv) enter or remain in or on the vehicle when requested not to do so by an authorised person on the ground

that the vehicle is carrying its full complement of passengers or that the operator is debarred from picking up passengers at the place in question by reason of the conditions attached to his road service licence ;

- (v) travel in or on the upper deck of the vehicle unless he occupies a seat provided for that purpose, or in or on any part of the vehicle not provided for the conveyance of passengers ;
- (vi) wilfully do or cause to be done with respect to any part of the vehicle or its equipment anything which is calculated to obstruct or interfere with the working of the vehicle or to cause injury or discomfort to any person ;
- (vii) when the vehicle is in motion distract the driver's attention without reasonable cause or speak to him unless it is necessary to do so in order to give directions as to the stopping of the vehicle ;
- (viii) give any signal which might be interpreted by the driver as a signal from the conductor to start ;
- (ix) spit upon or from or wilfully damage, soil or defile any part of the vehicle ;
- (x) when in or on the vehicle distribute printed or similar matter of any description or distribute any article for the purpose of advertising ;
- (xi) wilfully remove, displace, deface or alter any number plate, notice board, fare table, route indicator, or destination board or any printed or other notice or advertisement in or on the vehicle ;
- (xii) when in or on the vehicle to the annoyance of other persons use or operate any noisy instrument or make or combine with any other person or persons to make any excessive noise by singing, shouting or otherwise ;
- (xiii) when in or on the vehicle throw any money to be scrambled for by any person on the road or footway ; or throw out of the vehicle any bottle liquid or litter or any article or thing likely to annoy persons or to cause danger or injury to any person or property ;
- (xiv) throw any article from the vehicle or attach to or trail from the vehicle any streamer, balloon, flag or other article in such manner as to overhang the road ;
- (xv) wilfully obstruct or impede any authorised person ;
- (xvi) except in the case of a contract carriage, smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in or on any part of the vehicle in or on which a notice is exhibited that smoking is prohibited ;
- (xvii) except in the case of a contract carriage when in or on the vehicle beg, sell or offer for sale any article.

10. When a stage or express carriage is carrying passengers or is waiting to pick up passengers, a passenger or intending passenger shall not

- (a) if his condition is such as to be offensive to passengers, or the condition of his dress or clothing is such that it may reasonably be expected to soil or injure the linings or cushions of the vehicle or the clothing of other passengers, enter or remain in or on the vehicle after an authorised person shall have requested him either not to enter or to leave the vehicle and in such latter case shall have tendered to him the amount of any fare previously paid ;
- (b) enter or travel in or on a vehicle with loaded firearms, or any dangerous or offensive article or, except with the consent of an authorised person, bring into or on to the vehicle any bulky or cumbersome article or place any such article elsewhere in or on the vehicle than as directed by an authorised person ;
- (c) bring any animal into or on to the vehicle without the consent of an authorised person or retain any animal in or on the vehicle after being requested by an authorised person to remove it or place any animal elsewhere in or on the vehicle than as directed by an authorised person.

11.—(a) No passenger on a stage or express carriage shall use or attempt to use any ticket which has been

- (i) altered or defaced, or
- (ii) issued to another person, if such ticket bears thereon an indication that it is not transferable.

(b) Every passenger on a stage or express carriage shall

- (i) unless he is the holder of a ticket in respect of that journey, immediately upon demand declare the journey he intends to take or has taken and pay the conductor the fare for the whole of such journey and accept the ticket provided therefor ;
- (ii) if requested by the conductor, leave the vehicle on completion of the journey the fare for which he has paid ;
- (iii) show his ticket, if any, when required to do so by any authorised person, or, if he fails so to show his ticket, pay the fare for the journey taken or to be taken by him ;
- (iv) if required to do so surrender his ticket to any authorised person at the end of the journey covered by that ticket ;
- (v) if required to do so surrender any period or season ticket held by him at the expiry of the period for which it was issued to him ;

(vi) if required to do so surrender any ticket held by him either on completion of the journey or journeys covered by that ticket or in exchange for a new ticket covering the journey or journeys he is still entitled to take.

(c) No passenger shall leave or attempt to leave a stage or express carriage without paying the fare for the journey which he has taken, and with intent to avoid payment thereof.

12.—(a) Any passenger contravening these Regulations may be removed from the vehicle by the driver or conductor or, on the request of the driver or conductor, by any police constable.

(b) A passenger in or on a vehicle who is reasonably suspected by the driver or conductor of contravening these Regulations shall give his name and address to a police constable or to the driver or conductor on demand.

Given under the Seal of the Minister of Transport this eighteenth day of June C... thousand nine hundred and thirty-six.

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