

The Transport (Goods) Applied Provisions Order 1942, Amendment No. 1 (Serial No. 1946/49).—These regulations exempt from licensing under the Transport Licensing Act, 1931, services for the carriage of cream by farmers to and from dairy factories, and also services for providing relief to inhabitants of a locality where the usual communications are interrupted by flood, earthquake, or fire.

Revocation of the Taxicab Emergency Regulations 1942 (Serial No. 1946/66).—Revoked the emergency regulation allowing multiple fares to be charged for taxi-hires.

The Traffic Sign Regulations 1937, Amendment No. 1 (Serial No. 1946/73).—These regulations make provision for local authorities to arrange for specially defined zones of parking restriction.

The Motor-vehicle Registration Regulations 1946 (Serial No. 1946/78).—These regulations provide the machinery for the annual relicensing of motor-vehicles and the annual issue of registration plates.

The Motor-vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risks) Regulations 1939, Amendment No. 5 (Serial No. 1946/79).—These regulations provide a new scale of annual insurance premiums.

Revocation of Emergency Regulations and Order relating to Registration and Licensing of Motor-vehicles (Serial No. 1946/81).—Revoked the system of relicensing of motor-vehicles in operation during the war years.

Exempting certain Railways Department Motor-vehicles from Mileage-tax (Serial No. 1946/95).—This Order in Council exempts Crown motor-vehicles which are used exclusively for purposes connected with the construction and maintenance of the permanent-way of the Government railways from payment of mileage-tax.

The Heavy Motor-vehicle Regulations 1940, Amendment No. 4 (Serial No. 1946/116).—These regulations provide new provisions for assessing the licence fees of tractors and trailers and make a maximum speed of 30 miles per hour for heavy motor-vehicles instead of the former 25 miles per hour.

The Transport (Passenger) Order 1936, Amendment No. 2, and the Transport Licensing (Passenger) Regulations 1936, Amendment No. 7 (Serial No. 1946/145).—These regulations increase to five transport districts the former four districts outside the four metropolitan districts.

The Transport (Goods) Controlled Areas Order 1946 (Serial No. 1946/178).—These regulations make provision for the establishment of five controlled areas instead of four controlled areas for the licensing and control of goods-services.

102. It is desired to place on record the thanks of the Department for the willing and helpful co-operation afforded by the many transport and other organizations and local authorities with which the Department came in contact during the year. Particular mention is made of the New Zealand Road Transport Alliance, the New Zealand Carriers' Federation, the New Zealand Passenger-services Federation, the New Zealand Omnibus Proprietors' Association, the New Zealand Taxi-proprietors' Federation, the New Zealand Rental Car Proprietors' Association, the Drivers' Union, the North and South Island Motor Unions, the New Zealand Retail Motor Trade Association, the New Zealand Farmers' Union, the New Zealand Shipowners' Federation, and the Associated Chambers of Commerce.

103. I wish to express my thanks to all the officers of the Department for their co-operation in carrying out the duties of the Department.