

Regulations under the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* 1949-1961.

I, ROGER BEDE NOTT, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, having received the advice of the Administrator's Council, in pursuance of the powers conferred on me by the *Motor Vehicles Ordinance* 1949-1961, and the *Administrator's Council Ordinance* 1959, hereby make the following Regulations.

Dated this sixth day of February, 1962.

ROGER NOTT,
Administrator.

AMENDMENTS OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES REGULATIONS.†

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of May, 1962. Commence-
ment.
2. Regulations 1953, No. 6 are amended by omitting the words "MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS." and inserting in their stead the words "MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS." Amendment
of Regulations
1953, No. 6.
3. Regulations 1961, No. 19 are amended by omitting from Regulation 2 the words "AMENDMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS." and inserting in their stead the words "AMENDMENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES REGULATIONS." Amendment
of Regulations
1961, No. 19.
4. The Fourth Schedule to the Principal Ordinance is amended by adding at the end thereof the following clauses:—

"19.—(1.) The motor vehicle shall, unless the forward portion is so designed or constructed that it is capable of performing all the functions mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this sub-clause, have firmly affixed thereto a mudguard for each wheel on the foremost axle of the vehicle and each mudguard shall be so constructed and affixed that—

 - (a) as far as practicable, it is capable of catching or deflecting downwards any stones, mud, water or other substance thrown upwards by the rotation of the wheels; and
 - (b) either by itself or in conjunction with other components of the vehicle body chassis it is capable of preventing direct contact with the upper half of the wheel in forward collisions.

" (2.) Paragraph (b) of the last preceding sub-clause does not apply in relation to motor cycles.

"20.—(1.) The motor vehicle or trailer shall have firmly affixed for each wheel on the rearmost axle a mudguard so constructed and affixed that it is capable as far as practicable of catching or deflecting downwards any stones, mud, water or other substance thrown upwards by the rotation of the wheels.

Fourth
Schedule to
Principal
Ordinance.

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† Regulations 1953, No. 6; 1954, No. 11; and 1961, Nos. 14 and 19.

“(2.) In the case of a motor cycle with a side car, such a mudguard shall also be firmly affixed for the wheel of the side car.

“(3.) Where the motor vehicle is so constructed that the body or equipment thereon will catch or deflect downwards any stones, mud, water or other substance thrown upwards ahead of or above the wheel or wheels on the rearmost axle of the vehicle, it shall be deemed sufficient compliance with this clause if a semi-rigid splash shield of an approved type or a section only of mudguard is affixed at the rear of each wheel on the rearmost axle and that section complies with the height and width requirements specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of sub-clause (4.) of this clause.

“(4.) Where mudguards are affixed to a motor lorry or trailer in compliance with this clause—

(a) the width of each mudguard shall—

- (i) be not less than the overall width of the wheel or wheels for which it is provided; and
- (ii) be not less than 15 inches if the motor lorry or trailer has a body of the tray type, the width of which together with any equipment or loading thereon is 7 feet or more; and

(b) each mudguard shall be affixed in such a position that, when the motor lorry or trailer is unladen, the height of the lowest edge of the mudguard, for the minimum width of mudguard specified in the last preceding paragraph, shall, when measured from the level on which the motor lorry or trailer stands, comply with one of the following conditions:—

- (i) where there is a hinged section of the mudguard or an approved flexible rubber or other composition extension affixed to the fixed portion of the mudguard in order to comply with the width requirement specified in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of this sub-clause, that height shall be not greater than the height of the centre of the wheel; and
- (ii) where there is no such hinged section or extension, that height shall be not greater than one-third of the horizontal distance of the lowest edge of the mudguard from a transverse vertical plane passing through the centres of the wheels on the rearmost axle.

“(5.) This clause shall not apply to—

- (a) a motor vehicle trailer or semi-trailer the body of which in the opinion of the Registrar affords adequate protection against stones, mud, water or other substance being thrown upwards from the wheel or wheels on the rearmost axle of such vehicle;
- (b) a motor vehicle which is used solely for the purpose of hauling a trailer, semi-trailer or pole type trailer; or
- (c) a motor vehicle or trailer the body of which is such that in the opinion of the Registrar it is unnecessary or impracticable to provide a mudguard or mudguards.”