ROAD VEHICLES.

THE MOTOR CARS (USE AND CONSTRUCTION) AMENDMENT ORDER, 1925, DATED 1ST DE-CEMBER 1925, MADE BY THE MINISTER OF

To the County Councils of the several Administrative Counties in Great Britain;

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London in Common Council assembled;

To the Councils of the several County Boroughs in England and Wales

To the Councils of the Royal Parliamentary and Police Burghs in Scotland concerned:

To the Councils of the several Metropolitan Beroughs;

To the Urban District Councils of the several Urban Districts in England and Wales:

To the Rural District Councils acting as the Highway Authorities in Rural Districts in England and Wales;

And to all others whom it may concern.

Whereas by Section 6 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896 (59 & 60 Vict. c. 36), as amended by the Motor Car Act, 1903 (3 Edw. 7 c. 36), it is enacted that the Local Government Board may make regulations with respect to the use of motor cars on highways and their construction and the conditions under which they may be used.

And whereas by Section 10 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, it is enacted that in the application of that Act to Scotland a reference to the Secretary for Scotland shall be substituted for a reference to the Local Government Board.

And whereas by the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Order, 1904 (S.R. & O. 1904, No. 315), and the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) (Scotland) Order, 1904 (S.R. & O. 1904, No. 609/S. 3) the Local Government Board and the Secretary for Scotland respectively made regulations with respect to the use of Motor Cars on highways and the conditions under which they may be used.

And whereas the Orders mentioned in the Third Recital hereof have been amended from time to time and in particular by the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Amendment Order, 1913 (S.R. & O. 1913, No. 444), and the Motor Cars (Use and Construction (Scotland) Order, 1913 (S.R. & O. 1913, No. 438/S. 27).

And whereas by the Ministry of Transport Act, 1919 (9 & 10 Geo. 5. c. 50), and the Ministry of Transport (Ministry of Health Exception of Powers) Order, 1919 (S.R. & O. 1919, No. 1441), and the Ministry of Transport (Secretary for Scotland Transfer and Exception of Powers) Order, 1920 (S.R. & O. 1920, No. 2122), the powers of the Ministry of Health as successors to the Local Government Board and the Secretary for Scotland respectively in relation to the subject matter of this Order were transferred to the Minister of Transport.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers in

that behalf vested in him the Minister of Transport hereby orders as follows:-

ARTICLE I.—The Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Amendment Order, 1913, and the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) (Scotland) Order, 1913, are hereby revoked.

ARTICLE II.—Article II. of the Motor Cars (Use and Construction Order, 1904, and Article II. of the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) (Scotland) Order, 1904, shall respectively have effect as if they were added to Condition (4) at the end thereof the following paragraph:

" Provided also that in the case of a Motor Car which is propelled by steam and which:-

(a) exceeds two tons in weight unladen;

(b) has one brake in good working order, and of such efficiency that the application of that brake to the motor car shall cause two of its wheels on the same axle to be so held that the wheels shall be effectually prevented from revolving; and

(c) is not used as a stage carriage or for the conveyance of passengers for gain

or hire-

the engine of that motor car shall be deemed to be the second independent brake required by this condition if-

(i) in the case of a motor car constructed on or before the first day of January 1927 such engine be capable of being

reversed, or

(ii) in the case of a motor car constructed after the first day of January 1927 such engine be capable of being reversed and be incapable of being disconnected from the rear wheels of the motor car except by the sustained effort of the driver.'

ARTICLE III.—Article III. of the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Order, 1904, and Article III. of the Motor Cars (Use and Construction) (Scotland) Order, 1904, shall respectively have effect-

> (i) as if there were added to Condition (2) at the end thereof the following pro-

" Provided that this Regulation shall not apply to any vehicle whose unladen weight does not exceed ten hundredweights when such vehicle is being drawn in connection with the construction, reconstruction, repair or maintenance of a road," and

(ii) as if there were added to Condition (3) at the end thereof the following

words:

or where the vehicle drawn is by reason of construction, use or otherwise such that it is impracticable for a person to be carried thereon in accordance with this condition, if such vehicle is accompanied by a person walking alongside for the sole purpose of applying the brake when necessary, and if the speed of the motor car drawing such vehicle does not exceed three miles per hour.'

ARTICLE IV.—Nothing in this Order shall— (a) affect the operation prior to the date of