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ROAD TRAFFIC

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Gas containers

2. (1) Every gas container shall— (a) be capable of withstanding...

Filling systems for fixed gas containers

3. (1) Every connection for filling a fixed gas container shall...

Pipelines

4. (1) Every pipeline shall be fixed in such a manner...

Unions and joints

5. (1) Every union and joint on a pipeline or gas...

Reducing valves

6. Every reducing valve shall be made of suitable materials and...

Pressure relief valves

7. (1) Every pressure relief valve which is fitted to any...

Valves and cocks

8. (1) A valve or cock shall be fitted to every...

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9. Every gauge connected to a gas container or to a...

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10. (1) Every gas propulsion system shall be so designed and...

Special requirements for buses

11. In the case of a bus there shall be fitted...

Gas-fired appliances

- 12. Every part of a gas-fired appliance shall be-
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Ten antiseptic wipes, foil packed; One conforming disposable bandage (not...

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Particulars to be shown on plate for trailers (including trailers... PART III

- 1. The power of an engine, which is to be shown...
- 2. (1) The weights to be shown on the plate in...
- 3. The weights to be shown on the plate in respect...
- 4. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph weights on...
- 5. All letters and figures shown on the plate shall be...
- 6. In this Schedule references to the manufacturer of a motor...

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1. The plate required by regulation 69 shall be firmly attached...

- 2. The plate shall be in the form shown in the...
- 3. The information on the plate shall be shown in characters...
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