

**CHAPTER 124 - ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**A LAW RELATING TO ROAD TRAFFIC**

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1. This Law may be cited as the Road Traffic Law.

**PART I—DEFINITIONS**

2. —(1) Definitions:—

"articulated vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a trailer drawn thereby which is so constructed and by partial superimposition attached to the motor vehicle that a substantial part of the weight of the trailer is borne by the motor vehicle;

"axle weight" means in relation to an axle of a heavy motor vehicle or of a trailer the aggregate weight transmitted to the surface beneath by the several wheels attached to that axle, when the heavy motor vehicle or the trailer is loaded;

"commercial vehicle" means a hackney carriage, a stage carriage, a tractor, a break-down lorry and any motor vehicle primarily designed for the carriage of goods;

"Commissioner" means the State Commissioner to whom responsibility for financial affairs is for the time being assigned;

"dealer" means a person who stocks motor vehicles for sale or carries on business as a repairer of motor vehicles;

"gross weight" means the net weight of the vehicle with the weight of freight or load (including the driver and crew) which such vehicle is designed to carry and registered as such by the licensing authority;

"hackney carriage" means any motor vehicle designed or constructed to carry not more than seven persons, used or intended to be used for carrying passengers for hire or reward under a contract expressed or implied for the use of the vehicle as a whole or for a fixed or agreed rate or sum;

"heavy motor vehicle" means a commercial vehicle of which the gross weight exceeds one ton fifteen hundredweight;