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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of  
Special Types) (General) Order 2003

PART 2

SPECIAL VEHICLES FOR HAULAGE, LIFTING,  
ENGINEERING AND VEHICLE RECOVERY

*Weight of vehicle and load*

**Weight: police notification and road and bridge authority notification and indemnity**

17.—(1) In a case falling within paragraph (2), the user of a Part 2 vehicle or Part 2 vehicle-combination must before the start of any journey—

- (a) notify in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 9 the authority (within the meaning of that Schedule) for each road or bridge on which the vehicle or vehicle-combination is to be used; and
- (b) give to each authority an indemnity in the form specified in Part 2 of that Schedule.

(2) A case falls within this paragraph where—

- (a) the total weight of the Part 2 vehicle or Part 2 vehicle-combination (whether it is unladen or wholly or partly laden) exceeds 44,000 kilograms; or
- (b) the vehicle or vehicle-combination does not comply in all respects with—
  - (i) the requirements of Schedule 3 to the Authorised Weight Regulations (axle weights); or
  - (ii) if that Schedule does not apply to it, the equivalent provisions of the Construction and Use Regulations.

(3) In a case falling within paragraph (4), the user of the Part 2 vehicle or Part 2 vehicle-combination must—

- (a) before the start of any journey, notify in accordance with Schedule 5 the chief officer of police for each area in which the vehicle or vehicle-combination is to be used; and
- (b) ensure that the vehicle is used in accordance with the requirements of that Schedule.

(4) A case falls within this paragraph if the total weight of the Part 2 vehicle or Part 2 vehicle-combination (whether it is unladen or wholly or partly laden) exceeds 80,000 kilograms.

(5) Paragraphs (1) and (3) apply cumulatively.