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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 818**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2020**

*Made* - - - - *3rd August 2020*  
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*Coming into force* - - *1st September 2020*

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of, and paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 to, the European Communities Act 1972 (“the 1972 Act”)(1).

The Secretary of State is designated for the purposes of section 2(2) of the 1972 Act in relation to—

- (a) the regulation of the type, description, construction or equipment of vehicles, and of components of vehicles, and in particular any vehicle type approval scheme, and
- (b) measures relating to wireless telegraphy including radio equipment(2).

These Regulations make provision for a purpose mentioned in that section and it appears to the Secretary of State that it is expedient for references in these Regulations (and in the consequential amendments made by these Regulations) to Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles(3) and to Regulation (EC) No 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 concerning type-approval requirements for the general safety of motor vehicles, their trailers and systems, components and separate technical units intended therefore(4) to be construed as references to versions of those Regulations as they may be amended from time to time.

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(1) 1972 c.68. The European Communities Act 1972 was repealed by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (c.16) with effect from exit day, but saved with modifications until IP completion day by section 1A of that Act (as inserted by section 1 of the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020 (c.1). Section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 was amended by section 27(1) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and by section 3(3) of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7). Paragraph 1A of Schedule 2 was inserted by section 28 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 and amended by Part 1 of the Schedule to the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 and S.I. 2007/1388.

(2) See S.I. 1972/1811 and S.I. 1999/2788. Both instruments are prospectively repealed with effect from IP completion day by S.I. 2018/1011 as modified by paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020.

(3) OJ No. L 151, 14.6.2018, p.1.

(4) OJ No. L 200, 31.7.2009, p.1.