

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, amending Regulations (EC) No 715/2007 and (EC) No 595/2009 and repealing Directive 2007/46/EC (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER VI

CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMITY AND MARKINGS

Article 36

Certificate of conformity in paper format

1 [F¹Except as permitted in paragraph 1A, the] manufacturer shall issue a certificate of conformity in paper format to accompany each vehicle, whether complete, incomplete or completed, that is manufactured in conformity with the approved type of vehicle. For that purpose, the manufacturer shall use the template set out in the [F²Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/683, or regulations made under paragraph 4 as it is now in force].

The certificate of conformity in paper format shall describe the main characteristics of the vehicle, as well as its technical performance in concrete terms. The certificate of conformity in paper format shall include the date of manufacture of the vehicle. The certificate of conformity in paper format shall be designed in such a way as to prevent forgery.

The certificate of conformity in paper format shall be delivered free of charge to the buyer, together with the vehicle. Its delivery may not be made dependent on an explicit request or on the submission of additional information to the manufacturer.

[F³1A A manufacturer may use the template provided for in Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/683 as it has effect in EU law in the case of a vehicle which was manufactured before 6 July 2026 and to which a valid EU type-approval granted in accordance with the EU Type Approval Regulation also applies. A certificate of conformity so issued is to be treated as a GB certificate of conformity issued in accordance with this Article.]

2 From 5 July 2026, the manufacturer shall be exempted from the obligation in paragraph 1 of this Article to issue the certificate of conformity in paper format to accompany each vehicle, where the manufacturer makes the certificate of conformity available as structured data in electronic format in accordance with the Article 37(1).

3 For a period of 10 years after the date of manufacture of the vehicle, the manufacturer shall, at the request of the vehicle owner, issue a duplicate of the certificate of conformity in paper format in return for a payment that does not exceed the cost of issuing the duplicate certificate. The word ‘duplicate’ shall be clearly visible on the face of any duplicate certificate.

4 [F⁴The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in relation to] the certificate of conformity in paper format, setting out, in particular:

- a the template for the certificate of conformity;
- b the security elements to prevent forgery of the certificate of conformity; and

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c the specification concerning the manner of signing of the certificate of conformity.

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5 The certificate of conformity in paper format shall be drawn up in [^{F6}English].

6 The person or persons authorised to sign certificates of conformity in paper format shall be employed by the manufacturer, and shall be duly authorised to engage the legal responsibility of the manufacturer with respect to the design and the construction of the vehicle or to the conformity of its production.

7 The certificate of conformity in paper format shall be completed in its entirety and shall not contain restrictions as regards the use of the vehicle other than those provided for in this Regulation or in any of the regulatory acts listed in Annex II.

8 In the case of an incomplete base vehicle, the manufacturer shall only fill in those fields of the certificate of conformity in paper format that are relevant in view of the state of completeness of the vehicle.

9 In the case of an incomplete or completed vehicle, the manufacturer shall only fill in those fields of the certificate of conformity in paper format that concern the additions or changes carried out at the current stage of approval and, where applicable, shall attach all certificates of conformity in paper format that were delivered at the previous stages.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Art. 36(1) substituted (31.12.2022 at 11.00 p.m.) by [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1273\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28(1)(a)(i)**
- F2** Words in Art. 36(1) substituted (31.12.2022 at 11.00 p.m.) by [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1273\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28(1)(a)(ii)**
- F3** Art. 36(1A) inserted (31.12.2022 at 11.00 p.m.) by [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1273\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28(1)(b)**
- F4** Words in Art. 36(4) substituted (31.12.2022 at 11.00 p.m.) by [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1273\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28(1)(c)(i)**
- F5** Words in Art. 36(4) omitted (31.12.2022 at 11.00 p.m.) by virtue of [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1273\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28(1)(c)(ii)**
- F6** Word in Art. 36(5) substituted (31.12.2022 at 11.00 p.m.) by [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment and Transitional Provisions\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/1273\)](#), regs. 1(2), **28(1)(d)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Art. 36(3) applied (1.9.2020) by [The Road Vehicles \(Approval\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/818\)](#), regs. 1(b), **16(9)** (with Sch. 4 paras. 16, 17)

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- Regulation power to amend conferred by [2024 c. 10 s. 91](#)