



# Road Traffic Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 52

### PART VII

#### MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

##### *Interpretation*

#### **186 Supplementary provisions about those expressions.**

- (1) For the purposes of section 185 of this Act, a side car attached to a motor vehicle, if it complies with such conditions as may be specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State, is to be regarded as forming part of the vehicle to which it is attached and as not being a trailer.
- (2) For the purposes of section 185 of this Act, in a case where a motor vehicle is so constructed that a trailer may by partial super-imposition be attached to the vehicle in such a manner as to cause a substantial part of the weight of the trailer to be borne by the vehicle, that vehicle is to be deemed to be a vehicle itself constructed to carry a load.
- (3) For the purposes of section 185 of this Act, in the case of a motor vehicle fitted with a crane, dynamo, welding plant or other special appliance or apparatus which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture, the appliance or apparatus is not to be deemed to constitute a load or goods or burden of any description, but is to be deemed to form part of the vehicle.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations vary any of the maximum or minimum weights specified in section 185 of this Act.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) above may have effect—
  - (a) either generally or in the case of vehicles of any class specified in the regulations, and
  - (b) either for the purposes of the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts and of all regulations made under those provisions or for such of those purposes as may be so specified.

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(6) Nothing in section 86 of the <sup>M1</sup>Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 limits the powers conferred by subsection (4) above.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** Ss. 185, 186 applied by [Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 \(c. 53, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. **98(2)**

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