



Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART II

CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Approval of design, construction, equipment and marking of vehicles

57 Certificates of conformity.

(1) The manufacturer of a type vehicle in respect of which a type approval certificate is in force may issue, in respect of each vehicle manufactured by him which conforms with the type vehicle in such of the relevant aspects of design, construction, equipment and marking as are mentioned in the type approval certificate, a certificate ^{F1}...—

- (a) stating that it does so conform, and
- (b) specifying the design weights for the vehicle,

and must in the case of goods vehicles of such classes as may be prescribed specify in the certificate one or more of the plated weights for the vehicle.

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^{F2}(1ZB)

[^{F3}(1ZC) If a manufacturer has a type approval certificate issued by the Secretary of State following approval under section 55(1A) or 55(1D), a relevant European certificate of conformity issued by the manufacturer in respect of each vehicle that conforms to the type vehicle in question is to be treated as a certificate issued under subsection (1).

(1ZD) In subsection (1ZC) “relevant European certificate of conformity” means—

- (a) a certificate of conformity issued before IP completion day by a manufacturer under any provision of the law of a member State other than the United Kingdom giving effect to Article 18 of the road vehicles type approval Directive,
- (b) a certificate of conformity issued before IP completion day under Article 36 of the road vehicles type approval Regulation,

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- (c) a certificate of conformity issued before IP completion day under Article 33 of the tractor type approval Regulation, or
 - (d) a certificate of conformity issued before IP completion day under Article 38 of the motorcycle type approval Regulation, or
 - (e) a certificate of conformity issued on or after IP completion day under that law, Article 36, Article 33 or Article 38 as it has effect at that time.]
- [^{F4}(1A) In this Part of this Act, “certificate of conformity” means a certificate issued under subsection (1) above, except—
- (a) in the expression “EU certificate of conformity”;
 - (b) in the definition of that expression in section 85 of this Act;
 - (c) in the expression “relevant European certificate of conformity”; and
 - (d) in the definition of that expression in subsection (1ZD).]
- (2) Where a manufacturer issues a certificate of conformity for a goods vehicle, the Secretary of State must—
- (a) on an application made by any person containing such information as he may require with respect to the proposed circumstances of operation of the goods vehicle, and
 - (b) on production of that certificate,
- specify in the certificate any plated weights for the goods vehicle not so specified by the manufacturer.
- (3) Where a manufacturer issues a certificate of conformity for a goods vehicle then—
- (a) if he is required by subsection (1) above to specify any plated weights for the goods vehicle in the certificate, he must mark those weights on the goods vehicle by means of a plate fixed to it, and
 - (b) in any other case the Secretary of State must on an application for the purpose secure that those weights are so marked.
- (4) Any certificate of conformity issued in consequence of any type approval certificate issued by virtue of section 55(4) of this Act shall relate only to the requirement or requirements to which that type approval certificate relates.
- (5) Subsections (2) and (3) above do not apply in relation to vehicle parts.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 57(1) omitted (1.1.1993) by virtue of S.I. 1992/3107, regs. 1(2), 16, **Sch. 2 para. 5(1)**.
- F2** S. 57(1ZA)(1ZB) inserted (temp.) (31.12.2020 for a period of two years at the end of which this amending provision will expire) by virtue of [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/648), regs. 1(b)(ii), **2(3)(a)** (with reg. 11) (as amended by S.I. 2020/818, reg. 1(b), Sch. 6 para. 39(2)(b)(i)(ii) (with Sch. 4 paras. 16, 17) and S.I. 2020/1393, regs. 1(2), **2(2)(b)(12)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F3** S. 57(1ZC)(1ZD) 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), **5(3)(a)**
- F4** S. 57(1A) 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), **5(3)(b)**

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