



Automated and Electric Vehicles Act 2018

2018 CHAPTER 18

PART 1

AUTOMATED VEHICLES: LIABILITY OF INSURERS ETC

8 Interpretation

(1) For the purposes of this Part—

- (a) a vehicle is “driving itself” if it is operating in a mode in which it is not being controlled, and does not need to be monitored, by an individual;
- (b) a vehicle is “insured” if there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle on a road or other public place in Great Britain a policy of insurance that satisfies the conditions in section 145 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

(2) In this Part—

- “automated vehicle” has the meaning given by section 1(4);
- “damage” has the meaning given by section 2(3);
- “insured person”, in relation to an insured vehicle, means any person whose use of the vehicle is covered by the policy in question;
- “insurer”, in relation to an insured vehicle, means the insurer under that policy;
- “road” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act 1988 (see section 192(1) of that Act).

(3) In this Part—

- (a) a reference to an accident includes a reference to two or more causally related accidents;
- (b) a reference to an accident caused by an automated vehicle includes a reference to an accident that is partly caused by an automated vehicle.

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