



Automated Vehicles Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 10

PART 1

REGULATORY SCHEME FOR AUTOMATED VEHICLES

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AUTHORISATION OF ROAD VEHICLES FOR AUTOMATED USE

Self-driving capability

PROSPECTIVE

1 Basic concepts

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) A vehicle “satisfies the self-driving test” if—
 - (a) it is designed or adapted with the intention that a feature of the vehicle will allow it to travel autonomously, and
 - (b) it is capable of doing so, by means of that feature, safely and legally.
- (3) Whether a vehicle satisfies the test is to be assessed by reference to the location and circumstances of that intended travel (and may differ in respect of different locations and circumstances).
- (4) A “feature” of a vehicle is a combination of mechanical or electronic operations that equipment of the vehicle performs.
- (5) A vehicle travels “autonomously” if—
 - (a) it is being controlled not by an individual but by equipment of the vehicle, and

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- (b) neither the vehicle nor its surroundings are being monitored by an individual with a view to immediate intervention in the driving of the vehicle.
- (6) References to “control” of a vehicle are to control of the motion of the vehicle.
- (7) A vehicle that travels autonomously does so—
 - (a) “safely” if it travels to an acceptably safe standard, and
 - (b) “legally” if it travels with an acceptably low risk of committing a traffic infraction.
- (8) In assessing whether a vehicle is capable of travelling autonomously and safely, the Secretary of State must have particular regard to the statement of safety principles.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 1 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 99\(1\)](#)

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