
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1968 No. 1247

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment)
Regulations 1968**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	31st July 1968
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	13th August 1968
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	3rd September 1968

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under sections 4, 5, 10 and 11 of the Road Transport Lighting Act 1957(a), Article 8 of the Visiting Forces and International Headquarters (Application of Law) Order 1965(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 13 of the said Act of 1957, as amended by section 264 of, and Schedule 17 to, the Road Traffic Act 1960(c), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 3rd September 1968 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1968.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1964(e), as amended (f), shall have effect as though—

(a) in Regulation 3, after paragraph (1), there were inserted the following paragraph:—

“(1A) A vehicle so constructed that it can be divided into two parts both of which are vehicles and one of which is a motor vehicle shall (when not so divided) be treated for the purposes of these Regulations as that motor vehicle with the other part attached as a trailer.”

(b) for Part V thereof, there were substituted the following Part:—

“Part V

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING OBLIGATORY REFLECTORS ON
VEHICLES**

Position of obligatory reflectors

20. In the case of a vehicle of a description specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 to these Regulations, the number of obligatory reflectors specified in column 2 of the said Schedule in relation to that description of vehicle shall be fixed on the vehicle in accordance with the requirements with respect to the lateral and longitudinal position of the said reflectors, their maximum and minimum

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 51.

(c) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2.c. 16.

(e) S.I. 1964/205 (1964 I, p.345).

(f) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1965/870, 1966/30 (1965 I, p.2367; 1966 I, p.45).

(b) S.I. 1965/1536 (1965 II, p.4462).

(d) 52 & 53 Vict.c. 63.

height from the ground and otherwise, which are specified in relation to that description of vehicle in columns 3,4,5,6 and 7 of the said Schedule.

Character of reflectors

21.—(1) In this Regulation and in the following Regulations in this Part of these Regulations, the expression “approval mark” means a marking designated as an approval mark by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (No. 2) Regulations 1964(a).

(2) Every obligatory reflector shall comply in all respects with the following conditions:—

- (a) except as provided in the following paragraph, the reflecting area shall, if circular, be not less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter or, if not circular, be of an area of not less than the area of a circle of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and of such a shape that a circle of 1 inch in diameter may be inscribed therein;
- (b) except as provided in the following paragraph, the reflecting area shall be of such a shape as to be capable of lying wholly within a circle of 6 inches in diameter;
- (c) the reflector shall be so fixed to the vehicle that the reflecting area of the reflector is in a vertical position and facing squarely to the rear; and
- (d) the reflector shall be kept clean and shall be plainly visible from the rear.

(3) Nothing in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) of this Regulation shall apply—

- (a) in respect of a mechanically propelled vehicle or a trailer manufactured in Italy (not being a mechanically propelled vehicle or a trailer brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom) carrying obligatory reflectors in accordance with Regulation 20 of these Regulations, such reflectors bearing a marking approved by the Italian Ministry of Transport, namely, one including two separate groups of letters consisting of the letters “IGM” and “C.1.” or “C.2.”; or
- (b) to an obligatory reflector marked with an approval mark incorporating the roman numeral I, II or III or with the specification number of the British Standard for Reflex Reflectors for Vehicles, namely, AU40 followed by a marking “L I”, “L IA”, “L III” or “L IIIA”.

(4) In this Regulation the expression “reflecting area” means, in relation to a reflector, the area of the orthogonal projection on a vertical plane at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle of that part of the reflector designed to reflect light.

22.—(1) Subject to Regulation 22A of these Regulations, every obligatory reflector to which this Regulation applies shall be marked—

- (a) with the specification number of the British Standard for Reflex Reflectors for Vehicles, namely, B.S.2515, and “Grade 1” or “Grade 2” and with the name, trade mark or other means of identification of the manufacturer of the reflector, or
- (b) with the specification number of the British Standard for Reflex Reflectors for Vehicles, namely, AU40 followed by a marking “L I” or “L IA” and with the registered trade name or trade mark of the manufacturer of the reflector, or

(c) with an approval mark incorporating the roman numeral I or II: Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall require a reflector to be marked as aforesaid if it is carried on such a mechanically propelled vehicle as is mentioned in Regulation 21(3)(a) of these Regulations.

(2) The obligatory reflectors to which this Regulation applies are reflectors carried on every vehicle which is not a trailer.

(3) Nothing in this Regulation shall be taken to authorise any person to apply the said specification number B.S.2515 or AU40 or the said approval mark to any obligatory reflector to which this Regulation applies in contravention of the Merchandise Marks Acts 1887 to 1953(a).

22A. Nothing in Regulation 22 of these Regulations shall be taken as permitting an obligatory reflector to which that Regulation applies to be marked in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) of that Regulation or with an approval mark incorporating the roman numeral II in accordance with paragraph (1)(c) of that Regulation if it is carried on—

- (a) a mechanically propelled vehicle first registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962 on or after the 1st July 1970;
- (b) a mechanically propelled vehicle not required to be registered under the said Act and supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the said date, or
- (c) any other vehicle (not being a trailer) supplied as aforesaid.

23.—(1) Subject to Regulation 23A of these Regulations, every obligatory reflector to which this Regulation applies shall be marked—

- (a) with the specification number of the British Standard for Reflex Reflectors for Vehicles, namely, B.S. 2515 and “Grade 1” or “Grade 2” and with the name, trade mark or other means of identification of the manufacturer of the reflector, or
- (b) with the specification number of the British Standard for Reflex Reflectors for Vehicles, namely, AU40 followed by a marking “L III” or “L IIIA” and with the registered trade name or trade mark of the manufacturer of the reflector, or
- (c) with an approval mark incorporating the roman numeral III:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall require a reflector to be marked as aforesaid if it is carried on such a trailer as is mentioned in Regulation 21(3)(a) of these Regulations.

(2) The obligatory reflectors to which this Regulation applies are reflectors carried on every trailer supplied to the Crown or any person.

(3) Nothing in this Regulation shall be taken to authorise any person to apply the said specification number B.S. 2515 or AU40 or the said approval mark to any obligatory reflector to which this Regulation applies in contravention of the Merchandise Marks Acts 1887 to 1953.

23A.—(1) Nothing in Regulation 23 of these Regulations shall be taken as permitting an obligatory reflector to which that Regulation applies to be marked in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) of that Regulation if it is carried on a trailer supplied by its manufacturer to the Crown or any person on or after the 1st July 1970.

(a) 50 & 51 Vict. c. 28, 54 & 55 Vict.c.15; 57 & 58 Vict. c.19; 1 & 2 Geo. 5. c. 31; 16 & 17 Geo. 5. c. 53; 1 & 2 Eliz. 2. c. 48.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1) of this Regulation, on and after the 1st July 1972 nothing in the said Regulation 23 shall be taken as permitting an obligatory reflector to which that Regulation applies to be marked in accordance with paragraph (1)(a) of that Regulation.”; and

(c) in Regulation 40(3), for the words and figures “Regulations 21 and 22”, there were substituted the words and figures “Regulations 21 to 23A”.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport
the 31st July 1968.

(L.S.)

Richard Marsh,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1964 by:—

- (1) permitting vehicles (including trailers) to carry obligatory reflectors marked with the specification number of the British Standard for Reflex Reflectors for Vehicles, namely, AU40 (Regulations 22(1) and 23(1));
- (2) requiring all vehicles, except trailers, registered or supplied on or after 1st July 1970 to carry obligatory reflectors marked either with the said specification number or with an approval mark designated by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (No. 2) Regulations 1964 incorporating the roman numeral I (Regulations 22 and 22A);
- (3) requiring all trailers supplied by their manufacturers on or after 1st July 1970 and all other trailers as from 1st July 1972 to carry obligatory reflectors marked either with the said specification number or with an approval mark designated by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (No.2) Regulations 1964 incorporating the roman numeral III (Regulations 23 and 23A).