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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1980 No. 1095

## The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1980

### *Visitors' driving permits*

5.—(1) For paragraph (3) of Article 2 of the principal Order there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) Nothing in the preceding provisions of this Article shall authorise any person to drive, or to be employed in driving, a vehicle of any class at a time when he is disqualified by virtue of section 96 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (persons under age) as substituted by section 1 of the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976(1), for holding or obtaining a driving licence authorising him to drive vehicles of that class, but in the case of any such person as is mentioned in paragraphs (1) or (2) of this Article, who is driving a vehicle which—

- (a) is brought temporarily into Great Britain, and
- (b) is within the class specified in the first column of paragraph 6 of the Table in subsection (1) of that section, and
- (c) is either a vehicle registered in a Convention country or a goods vehicle in respect of which that person holds a certificate of competence which satisfies the international requirements,

the second column of that paragraph, in its application for the purposes of this paragraph, shall have effect as if for “21” there were substituted “18”.

In this paragraph the following expressions have the meanings respectively assigned to them:—

‘the international requirements’ means—

- (i) in relation to a person who is driving a goods vehicle on a journey to which Council Regulation (EEC) No. 543/69 of 25th March 1969 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport(2) applies, the requirements of Article 5(1)(b) (minimum ages for goods vehicle drivers) of that Regulation;
- (ii) in relation to a person who is driving a goods vehicle on a journey to which the European Agreement concerning the work of crews engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) signed at Geneva on 25th March 1971(3) applies, the requirements of Article 5(1)(b) (conditions to be fulfilled by drivers) of that Agreement;

‘Convention country’ means a country which is not a Member State of the European Economic Community nor a party to the afore-mentioned European Agreement nor to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Vienna in the year 1968 but is a

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(1) 1976 c. 3.

(2) O.J. No. L.77, 29.3.1969, p. 49.

(3) Cmnd. 4858.

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party to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in the year 1949<sup>(4)</sup> or the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris in the year 1926<sup>(5)</sup>.”.

(2) In paragraph (6) of Article 2 of the principal Order for the definition of “Convention driving permit” there shall be substituted the following definition:—

“‘Convention driving permit’ means either—

- (i) a driving permit in the form A in Schedule 1 to this Order issued under the authority of a country outside the United Kingdom, whether or not that country is a party to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in the year 1949 but not so issued as aforesaid after the expiry of a period of five years from the date of the entry into force of the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Vienna in the year 1968 in accordance with Article 47(1) thereof, if that country is a party to that Convention, or
- (ii) a driving permit in the form B in that Schedule issued under the authority of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris in the year 1926, but not to the Convention of 1949 nor to the Convention of 1968, or
- (iii) a driving permit in the form C in that Schedule issued under the authority of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1968;”.

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Art. 5 comes into force in accordance with art. 1(b)

6. At the end of paragraph (7) of Article 2 of the principal Order there shall be added the following words “and, without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (3) above, a Convention driving permit in the form C in Schedule 1 to this Order shall, if the validity of the permit is by special endorsement thereon made conditional upon the holder wearing certain devices or upon the vehicle being equipped in a certain manner to take account of his disability, not be valid at a time when any such condition is not satisfied”.

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**Commencement Information**

**I2** Art. 6 comes into force in accordance with art. 1(b)

7. For paragraph (3) of Article 3 of the principal Order there shall be substituted the following paragraph:—

“(3) Nothing in this Article shall authorise any person to drive, or to be employed in driving, a vehicle of any class at a time when he is disqualified by virtue of section 96 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (persons under age), as substituted by section 1 of the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976, for holding or obtaining a driving licence authorising him to drive vehicles of that class.”.

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**Commencement Information**

**I3** Art. 7 comes into force in accordance with art. 1(b)

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(4) Cmnd. 7997.

(5) Cmnd. 3510.

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- [Order revoked by S.I. 2019/563 art. 3\(1\)](#)