

PROSPECTIVE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. These Regulations consolidate, with drafting and other amendments, the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) Regulations 1973 and the other Regulations specified in Schedule 3.
2. The non-drafting amendments—
 - (a) add rear-view mirrors which comply with the requirements of Council Directive [71/127/EEC](#) as amended by Commission Directive [79/795/EEC](#) to the number of vehicle parts which may be type-approved under the provisions of these Regulations;
 - (b) add Commission Directive [80/233/EEC](#) which amends Council Directive [76/756/EEC](#) on the installation of lighting and light signalling devices on motor vehicles and their trailers; and
 - (c) omit misconceived provisions relating to the suspension of type approval certificates where vehicles or vehicle components having a certificate of conformity are altered.
3. These Regulations provide, in accordance with Council Directive [70/156/EEC](#) of 6 February 1970, for the type approval of motor vehicles and trailers specified in Regulation 4. Regulation 5 provides that where the Minister is satisfied on an application made to him under Regulation 6 that a vehicle or, as the case may be, vehicle component conforms with certain information and the type approval requirements and that adequate arrangements have been made for conformity of production he shall approve the vehicle as a type vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicle component as a type vehicle component and shall issue a type approval certificate accordingly. Regulation 5 also makes provisions against the events of the Minister being satisfied that one or more, but not all, of the type approval requirements are satisfied, or deciding not to issue a type approval certificate.
4. Part III of the Regulations contains general provisions as to application (Regulation 6), certificates of conformity (Regulation 7), marking (Regulation 8), conditions of issue, cancellation and suspension of type approval certificates (Regulation 9), notifications by manufacturers as to cessation or alteration of production (Regulation 10), cancellations, suspensions or modifications of type approval certificates (Regulations 11 and 12), notices relating to such cancellations, suspensions or modifications (Regulation 13) and appeals (Regulation 14).
5. Part IV of the Regulations contains provisions as to testing stations (Regulation 15) and records (Regulation 16).
6. Schedule 1 prescribes certain forms, and Schedule 2 specifies (in conjunction with the definitions in Regulation 3 of “the type approval requirements”, “the Community Directives” and “the Community Regulations”) the type approval requirements.

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- Sch. 1 Pt. I coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182 reg. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. II coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182 reg. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. III coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182 reg. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. IV coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182 reg. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 item 3.25-3.25.3 inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Note (q) inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 3\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Note (r) inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 3\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 item 3.8 substituted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 item 3.9 substituted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 3\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1988/1103 reg. 5](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. I coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182 reg. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. II coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182 reg. 1](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 39 40 inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 11A inserted by [S.I. 1988/1103 reg. 6\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 41 inserted by [S.I. 1989/1578 reg. 2\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 42 inserted by [S.I. 1991/2681 reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 43 44 inserted by [S.I. 1992/2154 reg. 2\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 revoked by [S.I. 1992/3107 reg. 17\(1\)](#)
- Sch. 2 substituted by [S.I. 1986/1501 Sch.](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 substituted by [S.I. 2019/453 reg. 23\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 words added by [S.I. 1987/524 reg. 2](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 2 words added by [S.I. 1988/1103 reg. 6\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 9 words added by [S.I. 1988/1103 reg. 6\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 40 words added by [S.I. 1988/1103 reg. 6\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 3 words inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 3 words inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 3 words inserted by [S.I. 1982/7 reg. 4\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 2 words inserted by [S.I. 1988/1669 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 8 words inserted by [S.I. 1988/1669 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 32 words inserted by [S.I. 1988/1669 reg. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 20 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/1578 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 23 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/1578 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 2 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 10 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 11 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 22 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(e\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 25 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 28 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(g\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 39 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(h\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 40 words inserted by [S.I. 1989/2262 reg. 2\(2\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 2 words inserted by [S.I. 1991/2681 reg. 3\(a\)](#)

- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 Item 9 words inserted by [S.I. 1991/2681](#) reg. 3(b)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 11A words inserted by [S.I. 1991/2830](#) reg. 2(2)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 19 words inserted by [S.I. 1991/820](#) reg. 2(2)(a)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 31 words inserted by [S.I. 1991/820](#) reg. 2(2)(b)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 32 words inserted by [S.I. 1991/820](#) reg. 2(2)(c)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 14 words inserted by [S.I. 1992/2154](#) reg. 2(2)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 20 words inserted by [S.I. 1992/2154](#) reg. 2(3)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 1 item 2 words omitted by [S.I. 1988/1669](#) reg. 2(3)
- Sch. 3 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 1 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 2 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 3 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 3(1) word omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(d)(i)
- reg. 3(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(c)
- reg. 3(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(d)(ii)
- reg. 3(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(f)
- reg. 3(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(2)(a)
- reg. 3(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(2)(c)
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(a)(i)
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(a)(ii)
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(b)
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(2)(e)
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(2)(b)
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2020/818](#) Sch. 6 para. 6(2)
- reg. 4 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 5 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 5(3) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(a)
- reg. 5(4) omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(b)
- reg. 6 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 6(1) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(3)
- reg. 6(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(c)
- reg. 7 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 8 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 9 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 10 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 10(3) omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(d)
- reg. 11 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 12 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 12(1)(b) and word omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(e)
- reg. 12(2) omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(f)
- reg. 13 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 13(1)(b) and word omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 49(3)(g)
- reg. 14 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 15 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 16 coming into force by [S.I. 1980/1182](#) reg. 1
- reg. 16(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(5)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Instrument associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043](#) art. 3-68-10
- Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):**
- reg. 5(1A) added by [S.I. 1988/1103](#) reg. 3
 - reg. 9(1)(c) and word added by [S.I. 1988/1103](#) reg. 4

— reg. 12A inserted by [S.I. 2019/453](#) reg. 23(4)