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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1980 No. 1182**

**The Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) Regulations 1980**

**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Commencement and citation**

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 9th September 1980 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) Regulations 1980.

**Revocation**

2. The Regulations specified in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked.

**Interpretation**

3.—(1) In these Regulations—

“certificate of conformity”, in relation to a vehicle to which these Regulations apply, means a document in the form set out in Part IV of Schedule 1;

“component”, in relation to a vehicle, means a “motor vehicle part” as defined in section 63(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 and a “separate technical unit” as described in Council Directive [78/315/EEC](#) of 21st December 1977;

“conform” means conform in all respects or with any permitted variation;

“information document” means—

- (i) in relation to an application, not being an application within sub-paragraph (iii) below, for the approval of a motor vehicle to which these Regulations apply, a document in the form set out in Part I of Schedule 1,
- (ii) in relation to an application, not being an application within sub-paragraph (iii) below, for the approval of a trailer to which these Regulations apply, a document in the form set out in Part II of Schedule 1,
- (iii) in relation to an application for the approval of a vehicle to which these Regulations apply and for which the type approval requirements are contained in a single Community Directive or Regulation, or for the approval of a component of a vehicle to which these Regulations apply, a document in a form issued for the purpose of such application by or on behalf of the Minister;

“land tractor” means a tractor which is designed primarily for work on the land in connection with agriculture or forestry and which is not designed primarily for use on a road for the conveyance of any goods or burden other than agricultural or woodland produce or articles required for the purposes of agriculture or forestry;

“Member State” means any State which is a member of the European Economic Community;

“road” has the meaning given to that expression in section 196(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972;

“the Community Directives” means the Council Directives and Commission Directives concerning the approximation of laws of Member States for the purposes of the type approval of motor vehicles and trailers and their components in relation to the design, construction, equipment and marking of such vehicles and components being the Directives mentioned in Part I of Schedule 2;

“the Community Regulations” means the Council Regulations mentioned in Part II of Schedule 2 concerning the harmonization of certain social legislation relating to road transport;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Transport;

“the relevant approval mark”, in relation to the marking of a component of a vehicle, means the marking designated pursuant to section 63 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as an approval mark applicable to such a component;

“the relevant aspects of design, construction, equipment and marking”, in relation to a vehicle or to a component of a vehicle, means those aspects of design, construction, equipment and marking which are prescribed in the type approval requirements;

“the type approval requirements”, in relation to a vehicle or component, means such of the requirements with respect to the design, construction, equipment and marking of vehicles or their components contained in the Community Directives or Community Regulations as are for the time being applicable in relation to a vehicle or component of that type;

“type approval certificate”, in relation to a vehicle to which these Regulations apply or to a component of such a vehicle means a document in the form set out in Part III of Schedule 1 to which there is attached an information document relating to that vehicle or, as the case may be, to that component;

“vehicle component” means a component of a vehicle to which these Regulations apply; and references to the competent authority of any Member State other than the United Kingdom are references to the authority in that State which has functions in relation to the type approval of vehicles and their components corresponding to those of the Minister under these Regulations.

(2) Any notice required under these Regulations to be given by or to any person shall be given in writing.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Regulations to—

- (a) a numbered Regulation or Schedule is a reference to the Regulation or Schedule to these Regulations bearing that number;
- (b) a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph bearing that number in the Regulation or Schedule in which that reference appears.

## **Application**

**4.** These Regulations apply in relation to every motor vehicle (other than a land tractor) manufactured on or after 1st July 1973, being a vehicle which—

- (a) has four or more wheels; and
- (b) is so constructed as to be capable of exceeding a speed of 25 kilometres per hour on the level under its own power,

and to every trailer which is manufactured on or after that date, being a trailer drawn by such a motor vehicle.