
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 582

MERCHANDISE MARKS

The Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 1980

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers under section 63(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(1) and now vested in him, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 23rd May 1980 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 1980.
2. The Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1979 shall be amended so as to have effect in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.
3. In Schedule 2—
 - (a) in item 2, in column (5)(a), for “1” substitute “2”;
 - (b) in item 13, in column (3), omit “(after, in the case of a vehicle in category M2 or M3, that vehicle has undergone the type II test prescribed in ECE Regulation 13)”;
 - (c) in item 13A, for the words in column (3) substitute “Motor vehicle in category M2 or M3 approved in respect of its brakes and which has satisfied the type II bis test prescribed in ECE Regulation 13.”; and
 - (d) after item 15C insert the following new item:—

“16	Safety belt.	The safety belt	16 (amendment, 9th December 1979)	1, 2, 14 and 15”
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4. In Schedule 3, after paragraph 13, add the following new paragraphs:—

“14.—(1) In the marking relating to item 16 in Schedule 2 there shall be added above the circle:

(1) Section 63(1) was amended by the Designation of Approval Marks (European Communities) Regulations 1973 (S.I. 1973/1193).

- (a) the letter “A” in the case of a three-point belt,
 - (b) the letter “B” in the case of a lap belt, and
 - (c) the letter “S” in the case of a safety belt which is neither a three-point belt nor a lap belt.
- (2) The letters referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above shall be preceded by the letter “Z” when the safety belt is part of a restraint system.
- (3) The letters referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above shall be supplemented by:—
- (a) in the case of a safety belt fitted with an energy absorber, the letter “e”; and
 - (b) in the case of a safety belt fitted with a retractor, the letter “r” followed by:—
 - (i) the figure “1” if the retractor is a non-locking retractor, or
 - (ii) the figure “2” if the retractor is a manually unlocking retractor, or
 - (iii) the figure “3” if the retractor is an automatically locking retractor, or
 - (iv) the figure “4” if the retractor is an emergency locking retractor, and
 - (v) the letter “m” if the retractor is an emergency locking retractor with multiple sensitivity.

15. The number mentioned in paragraph 2 above and the letter or letters mentioned in paragraph 14 above may be placed in any position round the circle in the marking so long as they are diametrically opposite each other in relation to the circle.”.

5. In Schedule 4—

- (a) after item 2 insert the following new item:—
- (b) in item 20, in column (6), for “1, 8 and 9(1)” substitute “1 and 8”;
- (c) in item 21, in column (6), for “1, 8 and 9(2)” substitute “1 and 8”;
- (d) in item 22, in column (6), for “1, 8 and 9(3)” substitute “1 and 8”.

6. In Schedule 5—

- (a) in paragraph 8, for “20, 21, 24 and 25” substitute “20, 21, 22, 24 and 25”;
- (b) omit paragraph 9; and
- (c) after paragraph 10 add the following new paragraph:—

“11. The Roman numeral shown outside and above the rectangle in the marking relating to item No. 2A in Schedule 4 will—

- (a) be I if the mirror is an interior rear-view mirror, II if the mirror is an exterior rear-view mirror fitted on a vehicle in category M2, M3, N2 or N3, and either II or III if the mirror is an exterior rear-view mirror fitted on a vehicle in category M1 or N1;
- (b) be supplemented by the letter “s” if the mirror is an additional rear-view mirror as defined in Commission Directive [79/795/EEC](#).”

22nd April 1980

Norman Fowler
Minister of Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1979 so as to—

1. designate, by adding item 16 in Schedule 2, an approval mark for safety belts following the adoption of ECE Regulation No. 16 (revised so as to contain the 03 series of amendments) and provide, by adding paragraph 14 to Schedule 3, for variations in that marking;
2. designate, by adding item 2A in Schedule 4, an approval mark for rear-view mirrors following Commission Directive [79/795/EEC](#) dated 20th July 1979 and provide, by adding paragraph 11 to Schedule 5, for variations in that marking; and
3. correct minor errors and avoid minor inconsistencies.

Copies of the ECE Regulations referred to in these Regulations may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.