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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. These Regulations revoke the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) Regulations 1981 (Regulation 20) and replace those Regulations with provisions which are substantially the same save as mentioned in paragraph 2 below. The extent of those amendments is such that the more satisfactory course is considered to be having new Regulations rather than amending the Regulations of 1981.
2. The amendments mentioned above may be summarised as follows:—
  - (1) The definition of “prescribed alteration” is amended to omit reference to the longitudinal location of tyres or wheels (Regulation 2(1)).
  - (2) The definition of “type approval requirements” is amended so as to omit reference to the weights mentioned in Regulation 6 (Regulation 2(1)).
  - (3) The provisions for determining when a vehicle is manufactured are amended so that it is deemed to be manufactured when it is assembled to the stage where it includes all the parts which it needs to comply with any one or more of the prescribed type approval requirements (Regulation 2(4)(a)), and the provisions for determining when a vehicle is first used are amended so as to relate entirely to the first registration of the vehicle (Regulation 2(4)(b)).
  - (4) Motor ambulances and motor caravans are removed from the scope of the Regulations (Regulation 3(2)(s) and (t)).
  - (5) The exemption relating to a vehicle which is to be exported from Great Britain is extended so as to include a vehicle in respect of which remission from certain taxation is available (Regulation 3(2)(b)).
  - (6) The provisions which specify when the type approval requirements apply are amended so as to apply them to the date of manufacture (Regulation 4(2)).
  - (7) Land tractors are exempted (Regulation 3(2)(g)).
  - (8) The provisions relating to plated weights, being weights not to be exceeded in Great Britain, are re-specified and extended in more appropriate context (Regulation 6).
  - (9) The prescribed fee relating to the notification of a prescribed alteration is to accompany notification of a prescribed alteration (Regulation 10).
  - (10) The source to which application may be made for a duplicate certificate of conformity or Minister's approval certificate is altered (Regulation 15(1)).
  - (11) The type approval requirements are amended so as to take account of amendments to ECE Regulation 15 (exhaust emissions), Council Directive [70/157/EEC](#) (noise and silencers) and ECE Regulation 13 (brakes) (items 2, 4B, 4C, 4D, 6A, 6B and 6D in Schedule 1).
  - (12) Other minor amendments are made to Schedule 1 so as to relate more precisely to provisions in the Construction and Use Regulations.
  - (13) Schedule 2 is changed from Schedule 2 to the 1981 Regulations by the substitution of the former Part I (Form of information document for a vehicle) by a new form.
  - (14) Schedules 3, 4 and 5 are changed from the Schedules of those numbers in the 1981 Regulations so as to abolish the distinction between certificates applicable to vehicles subject to the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1971 and vehicles not subject to those Regulations, and so as to provide a new form of table in which information about a vehicle is to be set out.

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