
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 1271

The Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) Regulations 1982

Application of Regulations

- 3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations apply to—
- (a) every motor vehicle manufactured on or after 1st October 1982 and first used on or after 1st April 1983 and which—
 - (i) has three or more wheels, and
 - (ii) is either a goods vehicle, the tractor unit of an articulated vehicle or a bi-purpose vehicle; and
 - (b) parts of any such vehicles.
- (2) These Regulations do not apply to, or to the parts of, any of the following vehicles, that is to say—
- (a) a vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain and which—
 - (i) displays a registration mark mentioned in Regulation 5 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1971, and
 - (ii) complies in every respect with the requirements relating to motor vehicles contained in:—
 - (A) Article 21 and paragraph (1) of Article 22 of the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on 19th September 1949⁽¹⁾, and Part I, Part II (so far as it relates to direction indicators and stop lights) and Part III of Annex 6 to that Convention; or
 - (B) paragraphs I, III and VIII of Article 3 of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris on 24th April 1926⁽²⁾;
 - (b) a vehicle which is to be exported from Great Britain and which either—
 - (i) has not been used on a road in Great Britain for any purpose except that of proceeding from the place where it was manufactured to the place from which it is to be taken out of Great Britain, or
 - (ii) satisfies the criteria of—
 - (A) being exempt from car tax by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1972,
 - (B) being a vehicle in relation to which there has been a remission of car tax by virtue of paragraph 8 of that Schedule, or
 - (C) being zero-rated under Regulation 49 or 50 of the Value Added Tax (General) Regulations 1977⁽³⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Cmnd. 7997.

⁽²⁾ Treaty Series, No. 11 (1930).

⁽³⁾ as amended by the Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1978 (S.I. 1978/972).

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- (c) a vehicle in the service of a visiting force or of a headquarters (as defined in Article 8(6) of the Visiting Forces and International Headquarters (Application of Law) Order 1965;
- (d) a vehicle to which sections 45 to 51 and 65 have become applicable after a period of use on roads during which, by virtue of section 188(4) (which relates to vehicles in the public service of the Crown), those sections did not apply to that vehicle;
- (e) a vehicle which is of a new or improved type, or is fitted with equipment of a new or improved type, and which has been constructed to that type, or fitted with that equipment, for the purposes of tests or trials or for use as a prototype, and is not intended for general use on roads;
- (f) a motor tractor, a light locomotive and a heavy locomotive;
- (g) engineering plant, a land tractor, a pedestrian-controlled vehicle, a straddle carrier, a works truck and a vehicle which is track-laying (all as defined in Regulation 3(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations);
- (h) a vehicle of a kind described in Article 15, 17 or 18 of the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1979;
- (i) a tower wagon as defined in Schedule 4 to the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971;
- (j) a fire engine (including an air field crash tender);
- (k) a road roller;
- (l) a vehicle propelled by steam;
- (m) a vehicle constructed for the purpose of preventing or reducing the effect of snow or ice on roads, either by spreading grit or other material, by scooping or sweeping, or by other means;
- (n) a two-wheeled motor cycle, with or without a sidecar;
- (o) an electrically-propelled vehicle;
- (p) a break-down vehicle;
- (q) a vehicle the weight of which unladen does not exceed 1525 kilograms constructed or assembled by a person not ordinarily engaged in the trade or business of manufacturing vehicles of that description;
- (r) a vehicle the weight of which unladen does not exceed 1525 kilograms imported by an individual into Great Britain and in relation to which the following conditions are satisfied—
 - (i) the vehicle has been purchased outside Great Britain for the personal use of the individual importing it or of his dependents,
 - (ii) the vehicle has been so used by that individual or his dependents on roads outside Great Britain before it is imported,
 - (iii) the vehicle is intended solely for such personal use in Great Britain, and
 - (iv) the individual importing the vehicle intends, at the time when the vehicle is imported, to remain in Great Britain for not less than twelve months from that time;
- (s) a motor ambulance; or
- (t) a motor caravan.

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 3](#) in operation at 1.10.1982, see [reg. 1](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Regulations revoked by [S.I. 2020/818 Sch. 6 para. 43](#)
- reg. 3 amended by
- reg. 3(1) words substituted by [S.I. 1996/3014 reg. 4\(2\)](#)
- reg. 3(1)(a)(i) word substituted by [S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- reg. 3(1)(a)(ii) word substituted by [S.I. 1984/697 reg. 3\(a\)](#)
- reg. 3(2) word omitted by [S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- reg. 3(2)(g) words substituted by [S.I. 1987/1508 reg. 11\(2\)](#)
- reg. 3(2)(h) words substituted by [S.I. 1984/697 reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- reg. 3(2)(q)(r) omitted by [S.I. 1996/3014 reg. 4\(3\)](#)
- reg. 3(2)(q) words substituted by [S.I. 1992/25 reg. 3](#)
- reg. 3(2)(r) words substituted by [S.I. 1992/25 reg. 3](#)
- reg. 3(2)(s) word omitted by [S.I. 1987/1508 reg. 4\(a\)](#)
- reg. 3(2)(t) word substituted for full stop by [S.I. 1987/1508 reg. 4\(b\)](#)

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

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Instrument (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 2A inserted by [S.I. 2007/361 reg. 2\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Sch. 1 Table renumbered as Sch. 1 Pt. 1 by [S.I. 1992/3084 reg. 5\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 inserted by [S.I. 1992/3084 Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Item 2I inserted by [S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 4\(3\)Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Item 2J inserted by [S.I. 1995/1323 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Items 2F 2G substituted by [S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 4\(2\)Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Items 6F-6L substituted by [S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 4\(5\)Sch. 4](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Items 4D(4)-4F substituted for Sch. 1 Items 4D(4)-4E by [S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 4\(4\)Sch. 3](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Item 2I words inserted by [S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 5\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Item 4D(4) words inserted by [S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 5\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Item 4E words inserted by [S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 5\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 5\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 5\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 5\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 5\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words inserted by [S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 5\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2\(f\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 words substituted by [S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 5\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Table Item 9 9A Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Table Item 9 9A substituted for Sch. 1 Pt. 1 Table Item 9 by [S.I. 1992/3084 Sch. 1](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 2 omitted by [S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 7](#)
- Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 3 omitted by [S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 7](#)
- Sch. 1A inserted by [S.I. 1988/1523 Sch. 2](#)
- Sch. 1A omitted by [S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2\(e\)](#)

- Sch. 1A words inserted by S.I. 1992/3084 reg. 6
- Sch. 1B Pt. 3 added by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 7Sch. 5
- Sch. 1B Pt. 4 added by S.I. 1994/2191 Sch.
- Sch. 1B inserted by S.I. 1989/1579 Sch. 2
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 Item 2F inserted by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 6
- Sch. 1B Pt. 3 omitted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(5)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 4 omitted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(5)
- Sch. 1B omitted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(e)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 substituted by S.I. 1992/1342 Sch. 2
- Sch. 1B para. 11A substituted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(2)
- Sch. 1B words inserted by S.I. 1992/3084 reg. 6
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 words inserted by S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 7
- Sch. 1B Pt. 1 para. 1A Sch. 1B para. 1 renumbered as Sch. 1B para. 1A by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 5
- Sch. 1B Pt. 1 para. 3(3)(4) inserted by S.I. 1992/1342 reg. 3(3)(c)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 1 para. 1 substituted by S.I. 1994/2191 reg. 3(2)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 1 para. 1A words inserted by S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 6(2)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 1 para. 1 words substituted by S.I. 1992/1342 reg. 3(3)(a)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 1 para. 3(1)(a) words substituted by S.I. 1992/1342 reg. 3(3)(b)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 Table words inserted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(3)(a)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 Table words substituted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(3)(b)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 Table words substituted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(4)(a)
- Sch. 1B Pt. 2 Table words substituted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 6(4)(b)
- Sch. 1C inserted by S.I. 1996/2331 Sch.
- Sch. 1C para. 2(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2007/361 reg. 2(4)
- Sch. 1C para. 2(2)(e) word substituted by S.I. 2006/2565 reg. 7(2)
- Sch. 1C para. 4(1) word substituted by S.I. 2006/2565 reg. 7(3)
- Sch. 1C para. 1(1) words inserted by S.I. 2007/361 reg. 2(2)
- Sch. 1C para. 1(2)(a) words inserted by S.I. 2007/361 reg. 2(3)
- Sch. 1C para. 4(1) words substituted by S.I. 2006/2565 reg. 7(3)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. i words substituted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 9
- Sch. 4 Pt. 5 added by S.I. 1995/1323 Sch. 3
- Sch. 5 Pt. 3 added by S.I. 1995/1323 Sch. 4
- reg. 2(2A) inserted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(a)(ii)
- reg. 2(2A) substituted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 3(3)
- reg. 2(6) inserted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(a)(iii)
- reg. 2(6)(a) words substituted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 3(4)(a)
- reg. 2(6)(b) words substituted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 3(4)(b)
- reg. 2A inserted by S.I. 1991/1970 reg. 3(4)
- reg. 2A(a) words substituted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 4
- reg. 3(ee) substituted by S.I. 1991/1021 reg. 4(2)
- reg. 3(2)(e)(ee) substituted for reg. 3(2)(e) by S.I. 1984/697 reg. 3(b)
- reg. 3(2)(u) added by S.I. 1987/1508 reg. 4(c)
- reg. 3(2)(v) and word inserted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(b)(ii)
- reg. 3(3) inserted by S.I. 1991/1021 reg. 4(3)
- reg. 3A inserted by S.I. 1996/3014 reg. 5
- reg. 4(2A) inserted by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 3(4)
- reg. 4(2A) modified by S.I. 1996/3013 reg. 6(6)
- reg. 4(2A) modified by S.I. 2001/25 reg. 5(11)
- reg. 4(2A) words inserted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 4(2)
- reg. 4(2A) words omitted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 4(2)
- reg. 4(2A) words substituted by S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 3(2)
- reg. 4(3A) inserted by S.I. 1992/1342 reg. 3(1)(b)
- reg. 4(3A) omitted by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 3(6)
- reg. 4(4A) inserted by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 3(8)
- reg. 4(4A) words substituted by S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 3(3)
- reg. 4(4A) words substituted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 4(3)
- reg. 4(4B) inserted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 4(4)

- reg. 4(8A) inserted by S.I. 1988/1523 reg. 3
- reg. 4(8A) omitted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(c)(iii)
- reg. 4(9)-(12) added by S.I. 1987/1508 reg. 5
- reg. 4(9) omitted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(c)(iii)
- reg. 4(10) omitted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 5(3)
- reg. 4(11) omitted by S.I. 2009/2084 reg. 5(3)
- reg. 4(12) omitted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(c)(iii)
- reg. 4(13) inserted by S.I. 1988/1523 reg. 5
- reg. 4(13) inserted by S.I. 1996/3014 reg. 6(1)(b)
- reg. 4(13) omitted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(c)(iii)
- reg. 4(14) inserted by S.I. 1989/1579 reg. 3
- reg. 4(14) substituted by S.I. 1996/2331 reg. 4(6)
- reg. 4(14) word inserted by S.I. 1993/2200 reg. 3(9)
- reg. 4(14) word substituted by S.I. 2003/1866 reg. 2(c)(iv)
- reg. 4(14) words inserted by S.I. 1995/1323 reg. 3(4)
- reg. 4(14) words substituted by S.I. 1992/1342 reg. 3(1)(c)
- reg. 4(15) inserted by S.I. 2003/582 reg. 2
- reg. 13A(2) words substituted by S.I. 1997/2936 reg. 2(2)
- reg. 18A inserted by S.I. 1996/3014 reg. 7
- reg. 18A(2) words substituted by S.I. 1998/1006 reg. 2(2)