

## 1984 No. 814

## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing)  
 (Amendment) Regulations 1984**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	18th June 1984
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	9th July 1984
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st August 1984

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971(a) (modified as provided by paragraph 20 of Part I of Schedule 7 to that Act) and by section 37 of that Act, and by section 40(1), (2A) and (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(b) now vested in him(c), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st August 1984 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1984.

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971(d) are hereby amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. For Regulation 19 (which relates to the illumination of registration marks) substitute the following Regulation:—

- “19.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2) below, no person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road during the hours of darkness any motor vehicle unless every letter and number of the registration mark displayed on the back of—
- (a) the motor vehicle if it is not drawing a trailer, or
  - (b) the trailer if the motor vehicle is drawing one trailer, or
  - (c) the rearmost trailer if the motor vehicle is drawing more than one trailer,

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(a) 1971 c. 10.

(b) 1972 c. 20; section 40 of which Act has been amended by section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 1974 (c.50).

(c) S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238.

(d) S.I. 1971/450; the relevant amending Instrument is S.I. 1972/1865.

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is illuminated so as to be easily legible in the absence of fog from every part of the relevant area, the diagonal of the square governing that area being—

- (i) 15 metres in the case of a bicycle, an invalid vehicle and a pedestrian controlled vehicle, and
  - (ii) 18 metres in the case of any other vehicle.
- (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) above do not apply in respect of:—
- (a) a works truck; or
  - (b) a vehicle which is not required to be fitted with a rear registration plate.”

4. In Schedule 2, Part II (which relates to the size, shape and character of registration marks), in paragraph 5A, for sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute the following sub-paragraphs:—

- “(a) a vehicle on which, or on the load of which, there is fitted a marking as required by the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1984, Regulation 16, and Schedule 1, item 1 or 6 and Schedule 18, Part I;
- (b) a stage carriage as defined in section 2(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a).”.

5. In Schedule 3 (Exhibition of registration marks on certain vehicles registered before 1st October 1938) paragraph 4 is revoked.

*Nicholas Ridley,*  
Secretary of State for Transport.

18th June 1984.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971 in consequence of the provisions therein relating to the illumination of registration marks having been outdated by the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations (S.I. 1984/812) (Regulations 3 and 5) and so as to up-date other obsolete references (Regulation 4).

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(a) 1981 c. 14.



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