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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1986 No. 1078

## The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986

### PART IV

#### CONDITIONS RELATING TO USE

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#### DIMENSIONS OF LADEN VEHICLES

*Restrictions on use of vehicles carrying wide or long loads or having fixed appliances or apparatus*

- 81.** For the purposes of this regulation, regulation 82 and Schedule 12—
- (a) “lateral projection”, in relation to a load carried by a vehicle, means that part of the load which extends beyond a side of the vehicle;
  - (b) the width of any lateral projection shall be measured between longitudinal planes passing through the extreme projecting point of the vehicle on that side on which the projection lies and that part of the projection furthest from that point;
  - (c) references to a special appliance or apparatus, in relation to a vehicle, are references to any crane or other special appliance or apparatus fitted to the vehicle which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture;
  - (d) “forward projection” and “rearward projection”—
    - (i) in relation to a load carried in such a manner that its weight [<sup>F1</sup>is borne by] only one vehicle, mean respectively that part of the load which extends beyond the foremost point of the vehicle and that part which extends beyond the rearmost point of the vehicle;
    - (ii) in relation to a load carried in such a manner that part of its weight [<sup>F2</sup>is borne by] more than one vehicle, mean respectively that part of the load which extends beyond the foremost point of the foremost vehicle by which the load is carried except where the context otherwise requires and that part of the load which extends beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle by which the load is carried; and
    - (iii) in relation to any special appliance or apparatus, mean respectively that part of the appliance or apparatus which, if it were deemed to be a load carried by the vehicle, would be a part of a load extending beyond the foremost point of the vehicle and that part which would be a part of a load extending beyond the rearmost point of the vehicle,
- and references in regulation 82 and Schedule 12 to a forward projection or to a rearward projection in relation to a vehicle shall be construed accordingly;
- (e) the length of any forward projection or of any rearward projection shall be measured between transverse planes passing—

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- (i) in the case of a forward projection, through the foremost point of the vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point; and
- (ii) in the case of a rearward projection, through the rearmost point of the vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point;

In this and the foregoing sub-paragraph “vehicle” does not include any special appliance or apparatus or any part thereof which is a forward projection or a rearward projection;

- (f) references to the distance between vehicles, in relation to vehicles carrying a load, are references to the distance between the nearest points of any two adjacent vehicles by which the load is carried, measured when the longitudinal axis of each vehicle lies in the same vertical plane.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph, in determining the nearest point of two vehicles any part of either vehicle designed primarily for use as a means of attaching the one vehicle to the other and any fitting designed for use in connection with any such part shall be disregarded;

- (g) references to a combination of vehicles, in relation to a motor vehicle which is drawing one or more trailers, are references to the motor vehicle and the trailer or trailers drawn thereby, including any other motor vehicle which is used for the purpose of assisting in the propulsion of the trailer or the trailers on the road;
- (h) the overall length of a combination of vehicles shall be taken as the distance between the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the combination and the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein, measured when the longitudinal axis of each vehicle comprised in the combination lies in the same vertical plane;
- (i) the extreme projecting point of a vehicle is the point from which the overall width of the vehicle is calculated in accordance with the definition of overall width contained in regulation 3(2);
- (j) without prejudice to sub-paragraph (e) the foremost or, as the case may be, the rearmost point of a vehicle is the foremost or rearmost point from which the overall length of the vehicle is calculated in accordance with the definition of overall length contained in regulation 3(2); and
- (k) an agricultural, horticultural or forestry implement rigidly but not permanently mounted on an agricultural motor vehicle, agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance, whether or not part of its weight is supported by one or more of its own wheels, shall not be treated as a load, or special appliance, on that vehicle.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 81\(d\)\(i\)](#) substituted (17.10.1991) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 1991](#) (S.I. 1991/2125), regs. 1, 7
- F2** Words in [reg. 81\(d\)\(ii\)](#) substituted (17.10.1991) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 1991](#) (S.I. 1991/2125), regs. 1, 7

#### Commencement Information

- I1** [Reg. 81](#) in force at 11.8.1986, see [reg. 1](#)

**82.—(1)** No load shall be carried on a vehicle so that the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 4.3m.

(2) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, no load shall be carried on a vehicle so that—

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- (a) the load has a lateral projection or projections on either side exceeding 305mm; or
- (b) the overall width of the vehicle and of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 2.9m.

Provided that this paragraph does not apply to the carriage of—

- (i) loose agricultural produce not baled or crated; or
- (ii) an indivisible load if—
  - (A) it is not reasonably practicable to comply with this paragraph and the conditions specified in [F3]paragraphs 1 and 5] of Schedule 12 are complied with; and
  - (B) where the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 3.5m, the conditions specified in paragraph 2 of Schedule 12 are complied with.

(3) Where a load is carried so that its weight rests on a vehicle or vehicles, the length specified in paragraph (5) shall not exceed 27.4m.

[F4(4) A load shall not be carried so that its weight is borne by a vehicle or vehicles if either—

- (a) the length specified in paragraph (5) exceeds 18.65m; or
- (b) the load is borne by a trailer or trailers and the length specified in paragraph (6) exceeds 25.9m,

unless the conditions specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12 are complied with.]

(5) The length referred to in paragraphs (3) and (4)(a) is—

- (a) where the [F5weight of the load is borne by] a single vehicle, the overall length of the vehicle together with the length of any forward and rearward projection of the load;
- (b) where the [F5weight of the load is borne by] a motor vehicle and one trailer, whether or not forming an articulated vehicle, the overall length of the trailer together with the length of any projection of the load in front of the foremost point of the trailer and of any rearward projection of the load; and
- (c) in any other case, the overall length of all the vehicles [F6which bear the weight of the load], together with the length of any distance between them and of any forward or rearward projection of the load.

(6) The length referred to in paragraph (4)(b) is the overall length of the combination of vehicles, together with the length of any forward or rearward projection of the load.

(7) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation no person shall use, or cause or permit to be used, on a road a vehicle, not being a straddle carrier, carrying a load or fitted with a special appliance or apparatus if the load, appliance or apparatus has a forward projection of a length specified in an item in column 2 of the Table, or rearward projection of a length specified in an item in column 3, unless the conditions specified in that item in column 4 are complied with.

**TABLE**

(regulation 82(7))

1	2	3	4	
<i>Item</i>	<i>Length of forward projection</i>	<i>Length of rearward projection</i>	<i>Conditions to be complied with</i>	
			(a)	(b)
			if the load consists of a racing boat	in any other case

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<i>1</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>2</i> <i>Length of forward projection</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Length of rearward projection</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Conditions to be complied with</i>	
			propelled solely by oars.	
1	Exceeding 1 m but not exceeding 2 m	—	Para 4 of Schedule 12	—
2	Exceeding 2 m but not exceeding 3.05 m	—	Para 4 of Schedule 12	Paras 2 and 3 of Schedule 12
3	Exceeding 3.05 m	—	Paras 1 and 4 of Schedule 12	Paras 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12
4	—	Exceeding 1 m but not exceeding 2 m	Para 4 of Schedule 12	Para 4 of Schedule 12
5	—	Exceeding 2 m but not exceeding 3.05 m	Para 4 of Schedule 12	Para 3 of Schedule 12
6	—	Exceeding 3.05 m	Paras 1 and 4 of Schedule 12	Paras 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12

(8) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, no person shall use, or cause or permit to be used, on a road a straddle carrier carrying a load if—

- (a) the load has a rearward projection exceeding 1 m unless the conditions specified in paragraph 4 of Schedule 12 are met;
- (b) the load has a forward projection exceeding 2 m or a rearward projection exceeding 3m; or
- (c) the overall length of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 12.2m

Provided that—

- (i) sub-paragraph (a) does not apply to a vehicle being used in passing from one part of private premises to another part thereof or to other private premises in the immediate neighbourhood;
- (ii) sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) do not apply to a vehicle being used as in proviso (i) above if—
  - (A) the vehicle is not being driven at a speed exceeding 12 mph; and
  - (B) where the overall length of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 12.2m, the conditions specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12 are complied with.

(9) Where another vehicle is attached to that end of a vehicle from which a projection extends, then for the purposes of any requirement in this regulation to comply with paragraph 3 or 4 of Schedule 12, that projection shall be treated as a forward or rearward projection only if, and to the extent that it extends beyond the foremost point or, as the case may be, the rearmost point, of that other vehicle, measured when the longitudinal axis of each vehicle lies in the same vertical plane.

(10) In the case of a vehicle being used—

- (a) for [F7 fire brigade][F8 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service][F9 or, in England or Wales, fire and rescue authority][F10 or, in England, fire and rescue authority][F11 ... or police purposes or for defence purposes (including civil defence purposes);

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[<sup>F12</sup>(aa) for ambulance purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service;] or

(b) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic,

if compliance with any provision of this regulation would hinder or be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used, that provision does not apply to that vehicle while it is being so used.

(11) No person shall use, or cause or permit to be used, on a road an agricultural, horticultural or forestry implement rigidly, but not permanently, mounted on a wheeled agricultural motor vehicle, agricultural trailer, or agricultural trailed appliance, whether or not part of its weight is supported by one or more of its own wheels if—

(a) the overall width of the vehicle together with the lateral projection of the implement exceeds [<sup>F13</sup>2.55]m; or

(b) the implement projects more than 1m forwards or rearwards of the vehicle,

so however, that this restriction shall not apply in a case where—

(i) part of the weight of the implement is supported by one or more of its own wheels; and

(ii) the longitudinal axis of the greater part of the implement is capable of articulating in the horizontal plane in relation to the longitudinal axis of the rear portion of the vehicle.

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in reg. 82(2)(b)(ii)(A) substituted (17.10.1991) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 1991 \(S.I. 1991/2125\)](#), regs. 1, **8(2)**
- F4** Reg. 82(4) substituted (17.10.1991) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 1991 \(S.I. 1991/2125\)](#), regs. 1, **8(3)**
- F5** Words in reg. 82(5)(a)(b) substituted (17.10.1991) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 1991 \(S.I. 1991/2125\)](#), regs. 1, **8(4)**
- F6** Words in reg. 82(5)(c) substituted (17.10.1991) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 4\) Regulations 1991 \(S.I. 1991/2125\)](#), regs. 1, **8(4)**
- F7** Words in reg. 82(10)(a) substituted (S.) (2.8.2005) by [The Fire \(Scotland\) Act 2005 \(Consequential Modifications and Amendments\) \(No. 2\) Order 2005 \(S.S.I. 2005/344\)](#), art. 1, **sch. para. 5(4)(c)**; S.S.I. 2005/392, **art. 2**
- F8** Words in reg. 82(10)(a) substituted (S.) (1.4.2013) by [The Police and Fire Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2012 \(Consequential Modifications and Savings\) Order 2013 \(S.S.I. 2013/119\)](#), art. 1, **sch. 2 para. 4(5)(c)**
- F9** Words in reg. 82(10)(a) inserted (W.) (25.10.2005) by [The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2929\)](#), arts. 1(1), **11(4)(c)**
- F10** Words in reg. 82(10)(a) inserted (E.) (30.12.2004) by [The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(England\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3168\)](#), arts. 1(1), **10(4)(c)**
- F11** Word in reg. 82(10)(a) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(d), **Sch. 9 para. 7(2)**
- F12** Reg. 82(10)(aa) inserted (26.5.2015) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 115(3)(d), **Sch. 9 para. 7(3)**
- F13** Word in reg. 82(11)(a) substituted (1.1.1996) by [The Road Vehicles \(Construction and Use\) \(Amendment\) \(No. 6\) Regulations 1995 \(S.I. 1995/3051\)](#), regs. 1, **5**

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- I2** Reg. 82 in force at 11.8.1986, see [reg. 1](#)

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