
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) Regulations 1982.

Regulation 4 of the 1982 Regulations is amended so that as from 12th June 1995, the type approval requirements relating to noise emissions then in force shall apply to a vehicle regardless of the date of manufacture.

The type approval requirements relating to exhaust emissions are revised so as to—

- (a) introduce the requirements of Directive [94/12/EC](#) as a new alternative; and
- (b) provide for the standard to become mandatory by removing the option of complying with Council Directive [93/59/EEC](#), from 1st January 1996 for new vehicle types and from 1st January 1997 for existing types.

The type approval requirements relating to noise are revised so as to provide for the requirements of Council Directive [92/97/EEC](#) to become mandatory by removing the option of complying with Council Directive [84/424/EEC](#) or ECE Regulation 51 as amended, from 1st October 1995 for new vehicle types and from 1st October 1996 for existing types.

As a result of a change in the maximum permissible weight of goods vehicles involved in combined transport operations—

- (a) the form of the appropriate information document for a goods vehicle, which must accompany an application for both type approval and a Minister's approval certificate, is revised;
- (b) the use of the existing form of Minister's approval certificate for a goods vehicle of a type covered by a previous certificate ("sub-MAC") is limited to goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kg;
- (c) a new form of sub-MAC is introduced for use both as an alternative in the case of goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kg and in all cases of goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight exceeding 3500 kg;
- (d) the use of the existing form of certificate of conformity for a goods vehicle is limited to goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kg; and
- (e) a new form of certificate of conformity is introduced for use both as an alternative in the case of goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 3500 kg and in all cases of goods vehicles with a maximum gross weight exceeding 3500 kg.