

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1996, which in turn amend the Motor Vehicles (Type Approval) (Great Britain) Regulations 1984 by inserting a new regulation 13A into those Regulations.

Regulation 2 postpones the date appointed for the purposes of section 63(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”) from 1st July 1997 to 1st January 1998. The effect of this is twofold. Firstly it will be an offence, on or after 1st January 1998, to use a vehicle of a relevant class without the appropriate certificates in force under sections 54 to 58 of that Act. Secondly a licence under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 will not be granted in respect of a vehicle to which regulation 13A applies unless, on the first application after 1st January 1998, evidence is produced that there is or are one or more certificates in force for the vehicle under sections 54 to 58 of the 1988 Act from which it appears that the vehicle complies with the prescribed type approval requirements.