

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 (“the 2001 Regulations”).

Regulation 3 amends regulation 11 of the 2001 Regulations. The effect of the amendment is to prohibit the use of a number plate on which the background is patterned or textured, or gives that appearance.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 12 of the 2001 Regulations. The effect of the amendment is that references in Part III of those Regulations (including Table B in Part 3 of Schedule 3) to “relevant character height” do not apply in relation to a vehicle to which regulation 14A applies.

Regulation 5 amends regulation 14 of the 2001 Regulations and inserts a new regulation 14A.

The effect of the amendments to regulation 14 is that the requirements of that regulation, which deals with the size and spacing of characters in a registration mark, do not apply in relation to vehicles to which regulation 14A applies.

New regulation 14A makes special provision in relation to the size and spacing of characters in the registration mark of certain imported vehicles.