
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of
Special Types) (General) Order 2003**

PART 4

OTHER SPECIAL VEHICLES REQUIRING NOTIFICATIONS OR ATTENDANTS

Vehicles carrying loads of exceptional width

Motor vehicles or trailers carrying loads of exceptional width: requirements as to width

31.—(1) “Width”, in relation to a vehicle falling within the recognised category of special vehicles mentioned in article 28(1), means the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of the load carried on it.

(2) Paragraphs (3) and (4) apply cumulatively.

(3) The user of any vehicle falling within the recognised category of special vehicles mentioned in article 28(1) must—

- (a) before the start of any journey, notify in accordance with Schedule 5 the chief officer of police for each area in which the vehicle is to be used;
- (b) ensure that the vehicle is used in accordance with the requirements of that Schedule; and
- (c) ensure that the vehicle is accompanied during the journey by one or more attendants employed in accordance with Schedule 6.

(4) Where the width of the vehicle exceeds 5 metres, the user of the vehicle must—

- (a) before the start of any journey obtain the written consent of the Secretary of State in accordance with Schedule 7; and
- (b) ensure that the vehicle is used in accordance with the requirements of that Schedule.