
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 1998

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

PART 1

GENERAL

Authorisation of certain vehicles for use on roads

Authorisation of particular vehicles falling within recognised category of special vehicles

9.—(1) A vehicle that falls within a recognised category of special vehicles is authorised to be used on roads by virtue of this Order if (but only if) it complies with the authorisation requirements applicable to vehicles in that category.

(2) In this Order “authorisation requirements”, in relation to a recognised category of special vehicles—

(a) means all the requirements specified in this Order as being applicable to vehicles in that category; and

(b) includes such of the requirements of regulations made under section 41 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as are specified in this Order as being applicable to vehicles in that category (subject to any modifications or exceptions so specified).

(3) Where any provision of this Order specifies any of the regulations mentioned in paragraph (2) (b) as being applicable to any recognised category of special vehicles, that provision is not to be construed as applying any requirement of those regulations to a vehicle in that category if that requirement may reasonably be regarded, in all the circumstances, as not relevant to the vehicle in question (for example, if the requirement relates to trailers and the vehicle in question is not a trailer).

Commencement Information

II Art. 9 in force at 25.8.2003, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

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- art. 57-63 inserted by [S.I. 2023/524 art. 4](#)