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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**

*Local excavation vehicles*

**Local excavation vehicles: recognised category**

- 32.**—(1) Local excavation vehicles are a recognised category of special vehicles.  
(2) Local excavation vehicles are defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 10.

**Local excavation vehicles: authorisation requirements**

- 33.** The authorisation requirements applicable to local excavation vehicles are—  
(a) the requirements specified in articles 34 and 35; and  
(b) the requirements specified in Schedule 10.

**Local excavation vehicles: requirements as to width**

- 34.**—(1) “Width”, in relation to a local excavation vehicle, means whichever is the greater of—  
(a) the overall width of the vehicle; and  
(b) the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of a load carried on it.  
(2) Paragraphs (3) to (5) apply cumulatively.  
(3) Where the width of a local excavation vehicle exceeds 3 metres, the user of the vehicle 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; and  
(b) ensure that the vehicle is used in accordance with the requirements of that Schedule.  
(4) Where the width of the vehicle exceeds 3.5 metres, the user of the vehicle must ensure that the vehicle is accompanied during the journey by one or more attendants employed in accordance with Schedule 6.  
(5) 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.

**Local excavation vehicles: requirements as to weight**

- 35.**—(1) This article applies to a local excavation vehicle—
- (a) which does not comply with the requirements of the Authorised Weight Regulations; or
  - (b) if those Regulations do not apply to it, which does not comply with the requirements of regulations 75 to 79 of the Construction and Use Regulations.
- (2) Before the start of any journey, the user of the vehicle must—
- (a) notify in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 9 the authority (within the meaning of that Schedule) for each road or bridge on which vehicle is to be used; and
  - (b) give to each authority an indemnity in the form specified in Part 2 of that Schedule.