
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1203

The Trailer Registration Regulations 2018

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation, commencement and application

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Trailer Registration Regulations 2018.
- (2) This regulation and Schedule 1 come into force on the day after the day on which these Regulations are made and all other provisions come into force as prescribed in Schedule 1.
- (3) These Regulations apply to the United Kingdom, except for paragraph 1 of Schedule 3, which applies to Great Britain.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In these Regulations—
- “registered” means registered by the Secretary of State under these Regulations;
 - “the Convention” means the Convention on Road Traffic of 8th November 1968⁽¹⁾;
 - “the permissible maximum mass” means the weight which the trailer⁽²⁾ is designed or adapted not to exceed when in normal use, travelling on a road⁽³⁾ and laden;
 - “the register” means the register of trailers established and maintained by the Secretary of State; and
 - “the registered keeper” means the person recorded in the register as the person who keeps the trailer.
- (2) With the exception of regulation 16(3), references to the use of a trailer on a road are to the use of a trailer on a road while it is being drawn by a motor vehicle.

Review

- 3.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—
- (a) carry out a review of the regulatory provision contained in these Regulations; and
 - (b) publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.
- (2) The first report must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning with the date on which these Regulations come into force for any purpose.
- (3) Subsequent reports must be published at intervals not exceeding 5 years.

(1) Command paper 9570; Miscellaneous Series No. 1 (2018). Further information is provided in the Explanatory Note.
(2) “Trailer” is defined in section 13(3) of the Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018.
(3) “Road” is defined in section 22(2) of the Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018.

(4) Section 30(4) of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015(4) requires that a report published under this regulation must, in particular—

- (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory provision referred to in paragraph (1)(a);
- (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved;
- (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate; and
- (d) if those objectives remain appropriate, assess the extent to which they could be achieved in another way which involves less onerous regulatory provision.

(5) In this regulation, “regulatory provision” has the same meaning as in sections 28 to 32 of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (see section 32 of that Act).