



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART II

TRAFFIC REGULATION IN SPECIAL CASES

20 Prohibition or restriction of use of vehicles on roads of certain classes.

- (1) The Secretary of State, if he is satisfied that it is desirable to do so, may by order made by statutory instrument prohibit or restrict, subject to such exceptions and conditions as to occasional use or access to premises or otherwise as may be specified in the order, the driving of vehicles on all roads of any such class as may be specified in the order.
- (2) A prohibition or restriction under this section may be imposed either generally or in relation to any class of vehicle; and for the purposes of this section the Secretary of State may classify roads in any manner he thinks fit, having regard to their character and situation or the nature of the traffic to which they are suited, and may determine in what class any particular road shall be included.
- [^{F1}(3) No order under this section shall be made or apply in relation to a special road on or after the date declared by the traffic authority, by notice published in the prescribed manner, to be the date on which the special road, or the relevant part of the special road, is open for use as a special road.]
- (4) A statutory instrument by which an order under this section is made, revoked or varied shall not have effect unless and until it has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (5) A person who drives a vehicle, or causes or permits a vehicle to be driven, in contravention of an order under this section shall be guilty of an offence.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 20(3) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1), [Sch. 8 para.32](#); which substitution is in force for Scotland only by [S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2\(2\)](#), [Sch. 2](#). and for England and Wales only by [S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3](#), Sch.

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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 20. (See end of Document for details)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 20 excluded (23.6.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1736](#), **art. 8(2)(a)**
- C2** S. 20(5) excluded by 1988 c. 52, s. 12E (as inserted (10.3.2017) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 73(3)**, [115\(7\)](#); [S.I. 2017/273](#), **art. 2(a)**)
- C3** S. 20(5) excluded (S.) (17.4.2019) by [The Motor Sport on Public Roads \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/138\)](#), **regs. 1, 6**, **sch. 2**

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