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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Motor Cycles) Regulations 1971

<i>Made</i> - - -	6th December 1971
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	16th December 1971

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 97(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) as amended by section 1 of the Road Traffic (Driving of Motor Cycles) Act 1960(b) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 260(2) of the Road Traffic Act of 1960, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 16th December 1971, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Motor Cycles) Regulations 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) The table in section 97(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (which specifies the minimum age for driving certain classes or descriptions of motor vehicles) shall have effect as if it specified the age of 17 (instead of the age of 16) in relation to all motor cycles other than—

- (a) motor cycles whereof the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 50 cubic centimetres, being cycles equipped with pedals by means whereof they are capable of being propelled,
- (b) motor cycles being mowing machines, or
- (c) motor cycles being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian.

(2) In this Regulation “controlled by a pedestrian” means that the vehicle either—

- (a) is constructed or adapted for use only under such control, or
- (b) is constructed or adapted for use either under such control or under the control of a person carried on it but is not for the time being in use under, or proceeding under, the control of a person carried on it.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

John Peyton,

Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

6th December 1971.

(a) 1960 c. 16.

(b) 1960 c. 69.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend section 97 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (which specifies the minimum age for driving certain vehicles) so as to raise from 16 to 17 the minimum age for driving motor cycles (other than those having an engine capacity not exceeding 50 cc and equipped with pedals (commonly known as "mopeds"), those which are mowing machines or are vehicles controlled by a pedestrian).