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1973 No. 1193**ROAD TRAFFIC****The Designation of Approval Marks (European Communities)
Regulations 1973**

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, as the designated Minister under the European Communities (Designation) Order 1972(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 10th August 1973, and may be cited as the Designation of Approval Marks (European Communities) Regulations 1973.

2. Section 63(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(c) shall have effect as if after the words “is a party” there were inserted the words “or a Community obligation”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

3rd July 1973.

John Peyton,
Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

(a) S.I. 1972/1811 (1972 III, p. 5216). (b) 1972 c. 68.
(c) 1972 c. 20.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend section 63(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, which enables the Secretary of State to designate certain markings as approval marks, with the result that such markings become a trade description for the purposes of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c. 29). The marks to which section 63 applies are markings for which an international agreement, to which the United Kingdom is a party, provides, are to be applied—

- (i) to motor vehicle parts of any description to indicate conformity with a type approved by any country; or
- (ii) to a motor vehicle to indicate that the vehicle is fitted with motor vehicle parts of any description and either that the parts conform with a type approved by any country or that the vehicle is such that as so fitted it conforms with a type so approved,

and in relation to which such an agreement provides for motor vehicle parts or, as the case may be motor vehicles, bearing those markings to be recognised as complying with the requirements imposed by the law of another country. These Regulations extend the power to designate markings to those for which an obligation arising by or under the Treaties (with the meaning of the European Communities Act 1972) makes similar provision.

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