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## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment)  
Regulations 1973**

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 119(1) and (3) of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 13th August 1973 and may be cited as the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1973.

2. Regulation 28(1) of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 1969(b), as amended by the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1972(c) (which specifies certain classes of vehicles in relation to which the provisions as to the licensing of drivers of heavy goods vehicles now contained in Part IV of, and in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to, the Road Traffic Act 1972, shall not apply) shall be further amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) below.

(2) The said Regulation 28(1), insofar as it provides that paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to the said Act (transitional provisions) does not apply to heavy goods vehicles of the classes specified in that Regulation, shall have effect as if sub-paragraph (o) (vehicles in the service of a visiting force or headquarters) were omitted.

(3) For sub-paragraph (t) of the said Regulation 28(1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph:—

“(t) a vehicle fitted with apparatus designed for raising a disabled vehicle partly from the ground and for drawing a disabled vehicle when so raised (whether by partial superimposition or otherwise) being a vehicle which—

(i) is used solely for dealing with disabled vehicles,

(ii) is not used for the conveyance of any load other than a disabled

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(a) 1972 c. 20.

(b) S.I. 1969, 903 (1969 II, p. 2582).

(c) S.I. 1972/1956 (1972 III, p. 5831).

vehicle when so raised, water, fuel and accumulators and articles required for the operation of, or in connection with, such apparatus as aforesaid or otherwise for dealing with disabled vehicles, and

(iii) has an unladen weight not exceeding 3 tons.”.

**3.** Regulation 2 of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1972, insofar as it provides for the insertion in the said Regulation 28(1) of a sub-paragraph (t), is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

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Minister for Transport Industries,  
Department of the Environment.

12th July 1973.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 1969 so as to provide:—

- (a) that certain transitional provisions contained in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to the Road Traffic Act 1972 and relating to licences to drive heavy goods vehicles shall become applicable to vehicles in the service of a visiting force or headquarters. The effect of this is that persons who have been in the habit of driving such vehicles for any period of, or periods amounting in the aggregate to, six months in the course of the year ending on 1st February 1970 may, on their first application for a heavy goods vehicle driver's licence under Part IV of the Road Traffic Act 1972, obtain a full licence without having to pass the prescribed test of competence; and
- (b) that the exemption of breakdown vehicles provided for by Regulation 28(1)(t) of the said Regulations shall include such vehicles fitted with apparatus designed for raising disabled vehicles partly from the ground and for drawing disabled vehicles when so raised.

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