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MERCHANDISE MARKS
**The Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks)
Regulations 1973**

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 63(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on 24th April 1973 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1973.

(2) In these Regulations the expression “the International Agreement of 1958” means the Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions of approval and reciprocal recognition of approval for motor vehicle equipment and parts concluded at Geneva on 20th March 1958(b), as amended (c), to which the United Kingdom is a party(d).

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

2. The Secretary of State hereby designates as approval marks the markings which, subject to Part II of the Schedule to these Regulations, are in the same form as and of sizes not less than the markings shown in the diagrams in column 1 of Part I of that Schedule, each of the said markings being a marking for which the International Agreement of 1958, by virtue of the Regulations annexed to that Agreement, specified in column 2 of Part I of that Schedule in relation to that marking, makes such provision as is mentioned in section 63(1)(a) and (b) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 in connection with the motor vehicle or motor vehicle part specified in column 3 of Part I of that Schedule in relation to that marking.

John Peyton,

Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

24th March 1973.

(a) 1972 c. 20.

(b) Cmnd. 2535.


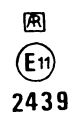
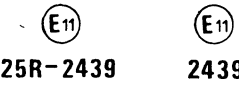

(c) Cmnd. 3562.

(d) By instrument of accession dated 14th January 1963 deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 15th January 1963.

(e) 1889 c. 63.

THE SCHEDULE

PART I—*Diagrams*

1 Diagram showing marking	2 Regulation annexed to International Agreement of 1958	3 Motor Vehicle or Motor Vehicle Part to which marking applied
	Regulation No. 21 (as amended by Corrigendum 1) (UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THEIR INTERIOR FITTINGS WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1st DECEMBER 1971)	Motor vehicle equipped with certain interior fittings
	Regulation No. 23 (UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF REVERSING LIGHTS FOR POWER-DRIVEN VEHICLES AND THEIR TRAILERS WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1st DECEMBER 1971)	Motor vehicle part consisting of a reversing light
	Regulation No. 25 (UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF HEAD RESTRAINTS (HEADRESTS), WHETHER OR NOT INCORPORATED IN VEHICLE SEATS WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1st MARCH 1972)	Motor vehicle part consisting of a head restraint, whether or not incorporated in a vehicle seat
	Regulation No. 26 (UNIFORM PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF VEHICLES WITH REGARD TO THEIR EXTERNAL PROJECTIONS WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 1st JULY 1972)	Motor vehicle having certain external projections

PART II—*Variations of markings*

1. The number inside the circle in a marking in a diagram shown in column 1 of Part I above will be varied, where appropriate, so as to be the number assigned to each Contracting State party to the International Agreement of 1958 and applying the Regulation specified in column 2 of that Part in relation to that marking.

2. The number outside the circle in such a marking, or where such number is divided by a dash, so much of that number as follows the dash, will be varied, where appropriate, so as to be the number allotted by a competent authority to distinguish the manufacturer of the type of motor vehicle or motor vehicle part specified in column 3 of Part I above in relation to that marking.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Section 63(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 enacts that where any international agreement to which the United Kingdom is a party provides:—

(a) for markings 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

(b) 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,

the Secretary of State for the Environment may by regulations designate the markings as approval marks.

Section 63 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 also provides that any markings so designated shall be deemed for the purpose of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 (c.29) to be a trade description and that it shall be an offence under that Act to apply an approval mark without proper authority.

These Regulations designate for the purposes of the said section 63 as approval marks, markings complying with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations and in respect of which the International Agreement of 1958 (referred to in these Regulations) and the Regulations specified in the Schedule to these Regulations and annexed to that Agreement make such provision as is mentioned in (a) and (b) above as respects motor vehicles fitted with motor vehicle parts and certain motor vehicle parts. The motor vehicles concerned are motor vehicles fitted with certain interior fittings or having certain external projections and the motor vehicle parts concerned are reversing lights and head restraints.

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