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## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use)  
(Amendment) Regulations 1975**

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 40(1) and (3) of 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.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1975, and shall come into operation on 1st April 1975.

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

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1973(c), as amended(d), shall be further amended so as to have effect in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. For Regulation 136 (numbers of trailers which may be drawn) there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

*“ Restriction on number of trailers drawn*

**136.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the number of trailers which may be drawn by a motor vehicle on a road shall not exceed—

- (a) in the case of a locomotive, three;
- (b) in the case of a motor tractor, one, if laden, or two, if unladen;
- (c) in the case of a motor car or heavy motor car, one.

(2) A motor car or a heavy motor car may draw two trailers on a road in a case where one of the trailers being drawn is a towing implement and the other is a vehicle, part of which is secured to and either rests on, or is suspended from, the towing implement.

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(a) 1972 c. 20.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1973/24 (1973 I, p. 93).

(d) The amending Regulations are not relevant to the subject matter of these Regulations.

- (3) For the purposes of this Regulation—
- (a) the expression 'trailer' does not include a vehicle used solely for carrying water for the purposes of the drawing vehicle or an agricultural vehicle not constructed to carry a load; and
  - (b) an articulated vehicle, when being drawn by another motor vehicle because the articulated vehicle has broken down, shall, if the articulated vehicle is unladen, be treated in relation to the drawing vehicle as a single trailer."

Signed by authority of  
the Secretary of State  
17th February 1975.

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Minister for Transport,  
Department of the Environment.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations will amend Regulation 136 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1973 by including therein, without essential amendment, the provisions of section 65 (restriction on the number of trailers drawn) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, which section will be repealed as a result of the coming into operation on 1st April 1975 of paragraph 16 of Schedule 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1974 (c. 50).

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