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## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment of Enactments)  
Regulations 1977***Made*            -        -        - 22nd September 1977*Laid before Parliament* 30th September 1977*Coming into Operation*    21st October 1977

The Secretary of State for Transport, being a Minister designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to the regulation of the type, description, construction or equipment of vehicles, and of components of vehicles, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by the said section 2(2), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 21st October 1977 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment of Enactments) Regulations 1977.

2. Section 68 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(c) shall have effect as if in subsection (1) for paragraph (a) there were substituted the following paragraph—

“(a) two lamps, each showing to the front a light visible from a reasonable distance, such light being either white or, if each of such lamps is incorporated in a headlamp which is capable of emitting only a yellow light, yellow; and”.

3. Section 77 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 shall have effect as if—

(a) in subsection (2), for the words “If the distance between any two of the vehicles exceeds five feet” there were substituted the words “Subject to subsection (2A) below, if the distance between any two of the vehicles exceeds five feet”, and

(b) after subsection (2) there were inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) Subsection (2) above shall not require the rearmost of the two vehicles to carry lamps showing a light to the front in a case where the rearmost vehicle has a width which does not exceed 1600 millimetres”.

22nd September 1977

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(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.)*

For the purpose of enabling effect to be given to the relevant provisions of Council Directive 76/756/EEC of 27th July 1976 (O.J. L262, 27.9.1976, p.1) these Regulations provide that—

- (1) section 68 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 shall be amended so that the two lamps which a vehicle on a road shall during the hours of darkness carry showing to the front a light visible from a reasonable distance shall emit a light which is either white or, if each of the lamps is incorporated in a headlamp which is capable of emitting only a yellow light, yellow, and
- (2) section 77 of that Act shall be amended so that a vehicle which is drawn by another vehicle and which has a width not exceeding 1600 millimetres is not required to carry front lamps even though the distance between that vehicle and the vehicle by which it is drawn exceeds five feet.

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