
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 1163

The Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982

Restriction on use of right hand or off side lane

12.—(1) This Regulation applies to—

- (a) a motor car with a maximum gross weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes,
- (b) a heavy motor car, except a heavy motor car constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and not adapted or used for any other purpose the overall length of which does not exceed 12 metres, and
- (c) a motor vehicle drawing a trailer.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) below, no vehicle to which this Regulation applies shall be driven, or moved, or stop or remain at rest on the right hand or off side lane of a length of carriageway which has three or more traffic lanes at any place where all the lanes are open for use by traffic proceeding in the same direction.

(3) The prohibition contained in paragraph (2) above shall not apply to a vehicle while it is being driven on any right hand or off side lane such as is mentioned in that paragraph in so far as it is necessary for the vehicle to be so driven to enable it to pass another vehicle which is carrying or drawing a load of exceptional width.

(4) In this Regulation—

- (a) “maximum gross weight” has the same meaning as in Regulation 4 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1981; and
- (b) “overall length” has the same meaning as in Regulation 3(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978⁽¹⁾.

(1) [S.I. 1978/1017](#), to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.