

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1984 No. 1810

## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types)  
(Amendment) Order 1984***Made* - - - - - 19th November 1984*Coming into Operation* 1st March 1985

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a), and now vested in him(b), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order shall come into operation on 1st March 1985 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 1984.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1979(c) is hereby varied in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

3. In Article 3—

(a) in paragraph (1), delete the words ““land locomotive”, “land tractor”” and after the definition of “abnormal indivisible load” insert the following new definitions:—

““agricultural motor vehicle”, “agricultural trailer” and “agricultural trailed appliance” have the meanings respectively given to those expressions in Regulation 3(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations(d)”; and

(b) after the definition of “engineering plant” insert the following definition:—

““hours of darkness” means the time between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise;”.

4. In Article 7 (Grass cutting machines and hedge trimmers)—

(a) for the words “motor tractors” substitute the words “motor vehicles”;

(b) for the words “Regulation 53” substitute the words “Regulations 53, 57, 62, 79A or 140”;

(a) 1972 c. 20.

(b) S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238.

(c) S.I. 1979/1198, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(d) S.I. 1978/1017; the relevant amending Instrument is S.I. 1984/1809.

- (c) in paragraph (b) after the words “the vehicle” insert the words “together with any equipment mounted on it”; and
- (d) in paragraph (c) after the words “fitted to” insert the words “or mounted on”.

5. Article 8 is revoked.

6. For Article 13 substitute the following Articles:—

*“Agricultural motor vehicles, agricultural trailers and agricultural trailed appliances*

**13.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), the Secretary of State authorises the use on roads of—

- (a) an agricultural motor vehicle,
- (b) an agricultural trailer designed to perform functions, other than the carriage of goods, that necessitate an overall width of 2.5 metres being exceeded, or
- (c) an agricultural trailed appliance,

notwithstanding that the overall width of the vehicle exceeds 2.5 metres if the relevant conditions specified in Schedule 4 are complied with.

(2) The authorisation specified in paragraph (1) applies only in so far as the width of a vehicle (including an agricultural implement which by virtue of Article 13B is treated as part of the vehicle) cannot, without undue expense or risk of damage, be reduced.

*Agricultural motor vehicle towing an off-set agricultural trailer or trailed appliance*

**13A.**—(1) The Secretary of State authorises the use on roads of an agricultural motor vehicle towing an agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance in such a manner that the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle and the longitudinal axis of the trailer are parallel but lie in different vertical planes and the width specified in paragraph (2) below exceeds 2.5 metres provided the relevant conditions specified in Schedule 4 are complied with.

(2) The width referred to in paragraph (1) above is the distance equivalent to the distance which, if both the agricultural motor vehicle and the agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance (when being drawn by the agricultural motor vehicle) are treated as one vehicle, would fall to be measured as its overall width.

*Provisions supplementary to Articles 13, and 13A*

**13B.** For the purposes of Articles 13 and 13A and Schedule 4, an agricultural implement rigidly mounted on an agricultural motor vehicle, an agricultural trailer or an agricultural trailed appliance shall be treated as part of that vehicle, trailer or appliance whether or not—

- (a) the implement is permanently attached thereto, and
- (b) part of the weight of the implement is transmitted to the surface of the road otherwise than by the wheels or tracks of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance.

*Agricultural motor vehicles, agricultural trailers and agricultural trailed appliances with implements projecting rearwards or forwards*

**13C.**—(1) The Secretary of State authorises the use on roads of—

- (a) an agricultural motor vehicle,
- (b) an agricultural trailer, and
- (c) an agricultural trailed appliance,

with an agricultural implement rigidly mounted thereon whether or not—

- (i) the implement is permanently attached thereto, and
- (ii) part of the weight of the implement is transmitted to the surface of the road otherwise than by the wheels or tracks of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance

provided that the requirements mentioned in paragraph (2) are complied with.

(2) Those requirements are that:—

- (a) if any part of the implement projects rearwards of the rearmost part of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance by more than a distance specified in an item in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 5 the conditions specified in that item in column 3 are complied with; and
- (b) if any part of the implement projects forwards of the foremost part of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance by more than a distance specified in an item in column 2 of Part I of Schedule 5 the conditions specified in that item in column 3 are complied with.”.

7. Article 14 is revoked.

8. After Schedule 3 add the following Schedules:—

“SCHEDULE 4 (see Articles 13 and 13A)

*Conditions relating to the width of agricultural vehicles*

1. If the overall width of the vehicle, or in the case of a combination of vehicles mentioned in Article 13A(1), the overall width of the combination exceeds the width specified in an item in column 2 of the Table below, the vehicle, or in the case of a combination of vehicles, the drawing vehicle, shall not be driven at a speed exceeding that specified in column 3 of that item.

TABLE

1 Item No.	2 Overall width	3 Maximum speed
1	3.5 metres	12 miles per hour
2	2.5 metres	20 miles per hour

## 2. If—

- (a) the overall width of—
  - (i) an agricultural motor vehicle,
  - (ii) an agricultural trailer,
  - (iii) an agricultural trailed appliance, or
- (b) the width specified in Article 13A(2) of a combination of vehicles—

exceeds 3 metres and the whole or part of the journey to be made by the vehicle or combination will be on a road on which there is a speed limit of 40 miles per hour or less or will cover a distance exceeding 5 miles, the operator of the vehicle shall—

- (A) before using the vehicle or combination on a road, give at least 24 hours notice of the intended use to the chief officer of police for any police area in which the operator proposes to use the vehicle or combination of vehicles and the notice shall contain the following particulars:—
  - (i) the time, date and route of the proposed journey,
  - (ii) information about the vehicle or combination of vehicles including the overall width; and
- (B) use the vehicle or combination only in accordance with the particulars given in the notice mentioned above, subject to any variation in the time, date or route as may be directed by any chief officer of police as regards his police area,

so, however that a chief officer of police may dispense, within his area, with the said requirements as to length of notice and information about the vehicle or combination.

## 3. In a case where—

- (a) the width of an agricultural motor vehicle exceeds 3 metres, or
- (b) an agricultural motor vehicle is towing an agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance in the manner described in Article 13A(1) and the width specified in Article 13A(2) exceeds 3 metres, or
- (c) an agricultural motor vehicle is towing an agricultural trailer or an agricultural trailed appliance in a manner not described in Article 13A(1) and the overall width of either the motor vehicle or the trailer or trailed appliance, or both, exceeds 3 metres,

the vehicle or the combination of vehicles shall not draw any trailer or, as the case may be, any other trailer, except

- (i) a two-wheeled trailer used solely for the carriage of equipment for use on the drawing vehicle,
- (ii) an agricultural trailed appliance, or
- (iii) an unladen trailer specially designed for use with the drawing vehicle when it is harvesting.

4. If the overall width of an agricultural motor vehicle, an agricultural trailer on which an implement is mounted as mentioned in Article 13B, or an agricultural trailed appliance, or the width specified in Article 13A(2) of a combination of vehicles, exceeds 3.5 metres—
- (a) at least one person, other than the driver of the vehicle or, in the case of a combination of vehicles, the driver of the drawing vehicle, shall be employed to warn any other person (including the driver of the vehicle or the drawing vehicle) of any danger likely to be caused to that other person by the presence of the vehicle or the combination of vehicles on the road; and
  - (b) the extremities of the vehicle or implement (including any blade or spike) shall be clearly visible at a reasonable distance to any person on the road (other than the driver of the vehicle or, in the case of a combination of vehicles, the driver of the drawing vehicle) and during the hours of darkness or in seriously reduced visibility this condition shall be satisfied by such means as may be required by the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1984(a).
5. The overall width of a vehicle, or the width specified in Article 13A(2) of a combination of vehicles, shall not exceed 4.3 metres.

## SCHEDULE 5 (see Article 13C)

## PART I

1 Item No.	2 Distance of rearward or forward projection	3 Conditions to be complied with
1.	1 metre	A
2.	2 metres	B
3.	4 metres	B C
4.	6 metres	B C D

(a) S.I. 1984/812.

## PART II

## 1. In this Schedule:—

“Condition A” is the condition that the end of each projection is clearly visible at a reasonable distance to any person using the road other than the driver of the vehicle, or in the case of a combination of vehicles, the driver of the drawing vehicle, and during the hours of darkness or in seriously reduced visibility this condition shall be satisfied by such means as may be required by the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1984.

“Condition B” is the condition that—

- (a) the end of each projection is marked with a projection marker of a kind specified in relation to an end projection surface in Part II of Schedule 8 to the Construction and Use Regulations and in respect of which the provisions specified, for the purposes of those Regulations, in paragraph 3(c) of Part I of that Schedule are complied with,
- (b) each side of each projection is marked with a projection marker of a kind specified in relation to a side projection surface in Part II of that Schedule and in respect of which the provisions specified, for the purposes of the said Regulations, in paragraph 3(d) of Part I of that Schedule are complied with, and
- (c) during the hours of darkness or in seriously reduced visibility the markers referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be illuminated in the manner described, in relation to the extremities of an appliance, in paragraph 3(g) of Schedule 8 to the Construction and Use Regulations, and kept clean and unobstructed.

“Condition C” is the same condition as is specified, in relation to Articles 13 and 13A, in paragraph 2 of Schedule 4; and

“Condition D” is the same condition as is specified, in relation to Articles 13 and 13A, in paragraph 4(a) of Schedule 4.”.

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Secretary of State for Transport.

19th November 1984.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1979 as follows:—

- (1) The definitions of “land locomotive” and “land tractor” are deleted, and definitions of “agricultural motor vehicle”, “agricultural trailer” and “agricultural trailed appliance” are inserted (Article 3(a)) and “hours of darkness” is defined (Article 3(b)). Throughout the Order provisions about vehicles within the deleted definitions are replaced with provisions about vehicles within the inserted definitions.
- (2) By virtue of Article 6 new Articles numbered 13, 13A, 13B and 13C are inserted, and by virtue of Article 8 new Schedules numbered 4 and 5 are inserted.
- (3) Subject to compliance with conditions specified in the new Schedule 4 the Secretary of State authorises the use on roads of the following vehicles notwithstanding that their overall width exceeds 2.5 metres—
  - (a) an agricultural motor vehicle, an agricultural trailed appliance, and an agricultural trailer which performs functions other than the carriage of goods which necessitate that width to be exceeded provided, in every case, that the width of the vehicle cannot without undue expense or risk be reduced (see the new Article 13); and
  - (b) an agricultural motor vehicle towing an off-set agricultural trailed appliance or agricultural trailer (see the new Article 13A).

The conditions specified in Schedule 4 include conditions that no vehicle shall travel at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour or 12 miles per hour depending on the overall width. The other conditions specified in Schedule 4 apply according to whether the overall width exceeds 3 metres (see paragraphs 2 and 3) or exceeds 3.5 metres (see paragraph 4).

- (4) The Secretary of State authorises the use on roads of an agricultural motor vehicle, an agricultural trailer and an agricultural trailed appliance with an agricultural implement rigidly mounted thereon subject to the requirements that if the implement projects rearwards or forwards of the motor vehicle, trailer or appliance by more than a distance specified in Part I of Schedule 5 the relevant conditions there specified are complied with (see the new Article 13C). Part II of Schedule 5 details the conditions referred to in Part I of that Schedule.
- (5) Articles 5 and 7 revoke defunct provisions. Article 4 makes minor amendments.

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