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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 1796**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989**

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**THE ROAD VEHICLES LIGHTING REGULATIONS 1989**

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Explanatory Note