

SCHEDULE 1

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOAD VEHICLES

PART 1

DEFINED TERMS

General

1. In this Schedule—

“AILV” means an abnormal indivisible load vehicle within the meaning of paragraph 3;

“AILV-combination” means a combination of two or more vehicles which includes an AILV;

“Council Directive [71/320/EEC](#)” means the Council Directive approximating the laws of the Member States relating to the braking devices of certain categories of motor vehicles and their trailers⁽¹⁾; and

“semi-trailer” has the same meaning as in the Construction and Use Regulations.

Commencement Information

11 Sch. 1 para. 1 in force at 25.8.2003, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

Meaning of abnormal indivisible load

2. In this Order “abnormal indivisible load” means a load that cannot without undue expense or risk of damage be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of being carried on a road and that—

(a) on account of its length, width or height, cannot be carried on a motor vehicle of category N3 or a trailer of category O4 (or by a combination of such vehicles) that complies in all respects with Part 2 of the Construction and Use Regulations; or

(b) on account of its weight, cannot be carried on a motor vehicle of category N3 or a trailer of category O4 (or by a combination of such vehicles) that complies in all respects with—

(i) the Authorised Weight Regulations (or, if those Regulations do not apply, the equivalent provisions in Part 4 of the Construction and Use Regulations); and

(ii) Part 2 of the Construction and Use Regulations.

Commencement Information

12 Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at 25.8.2003, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

Meaning of abnormal indivisible load vehicle (AILV)

3. In this Order “abnormal indivisible load vehicle” means a vehicle of any of the following descriptions—

(1) OJNo. L 202, 6.9.1971, p. 37, as amended by Council Directives [74/132/EEC](#), [75/524/EEC](#), [79/489/EEC](#), [85/647/EEC](#), [88/194/EEC](#), [91/422/EEC](#) and [98/12/EC](#).

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- (a) a motor vehicle of category N3 specially designed and constructed for the carriage of abnormal indivisible loads;
- (b) a trailer of category O4 specially designed and constructed for the carriage of abnormal indivisible loads;
- (c) a locomotive specially designed and constructed to tow trailers falling within sub-paragraph (b); or
- (d) a motor vehicle of category N3 which is not constructed itself to carry a load but which is specially designed and constructed to tow trailers falling within sub-paragraph (b).

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. 1 para. 3 in force at 25.8.2003, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

Category 1, 2 or 3 AILVs or AILV-combinations

4.—(1) For the purposes of this Schedule, an AILV or AILV-combination falls within Category 1 if—

- (a) it does not exceed the restrictions on vehicle or axle weight specified in paragraphs 28 and 29; and
- (b) it complies with any other requirements imposed by those paragraphs;

and references to a Category 1 AILV or AILV-combination are to be construed accordingly.

(2) For the purposes of this Schedule, an AILV or AILV-combination falls within Category 2 if—

- (a) it does not fall within Category 1;
- (b) it does not exceed the restrictions on vehicle, axle or wheel weight specified in paragraphs 30 and 31; and
- (c) it complies with any other requirements imposed by those paragraphs;

and references to a Category 2 AILV or AILV-combination are to be construed accordingly.

(3) For the purposes of this Schedule, an AILV or AILV-combination falls within Category 3 if—

- (a) it does not fall within Category 1 or 2;
- (b) it does not exceed the restrictions on vehicle, axle or wheel weight specified in paragraphs 32 and 33; and
- (c) it complies with any other requirements imposed by those paragraphs;

and references to a Category 3 AILV or AILV-combination are to be construed accordingly.

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