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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1971 No. 1087

## ROAD TRAFFIC

## SPECIAL ROADS

**The Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) (Amendment)  
Regulations 1971**

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| <i>Made</i>                   | - - - | 1st July 1971  |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> |       | 13th July 1971 |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i>  |       | 20th July 1971 |

The Secretary of State for the Environment (as respects England excluding Monmouthshire) and the Secretary of State for Wales (as respects Wales and Monmouthshire) in exercise of their powers under section 13 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967<sup>(a)</sup> and all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 107(2) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 20th July 1971 and may be cited as the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 1971.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889<sup>(b)</sup> shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulations revoked by Regulation 3 below were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

3. The Motorways Traffic (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1966<sup>(c)</sup> are hereby revoked.

4. The Motorways Traffic Regulations 1959<sup>(d)</sup> shall have effect as though after Regulation 11 there were inserted the following Regulation:—

*“Restriction on use of right-hand or off side lane*

11(A)—(1) This Regulation applies to—

(a) a motor vehicle other than—

(i) a motor car with an unladen weight not exceeding 3 tons,

(ii) a heavy motor car constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and not adapted or used for any other purpose, or

(iii) a motor cycle; and

(b) a motor vehicle drawing a trailer.

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(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1966/530 (1966 II, p. 1108).

(d) S.I. 1959/1147 (1959 II, p. 2507).

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) 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 traffic lanes at any place where all three lanes are open for use by traffic proceeding in the same direction.

(3) Where, in relation to a length of carriageway which has four traffic lanes, there is a traffic sign (being a sign which bears, inter-alia, the legend "crawler lane") indicating that the left-hand or near side lane comprised in that length is intended primarily for use by slow moving traffic, paragraph (2) above shall apply in relation to that length as if the said traffic lane and the traffic lane immediately next to it comprised a single traffic lane and, accordingly, as if the said length of carriageway were a length having three traffic lanes.

(4) 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."

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

Dated 1st July 1971.

*John Peyton,*

Minister for Transport Industries,  
Department of the Environment.

Dated 1st July 1971.

*Peter Thomas,*

Secretary of State for Wales.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 11(A) of the Motorways Traffic Regulations 1959 (as inserted by the Motorways Traffic (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1966) imposes a restriction on certain vehicles (in general, goods vehicles having an unladen weight exceeding 3 tons and vehicles drawing a trailer) from using the right-hand or off-side lane of a length of carriageway of a motorway which has three traffic lanes. These Regulations, which apply in relation to England and Wales, re-enact Regulation 11(A) amended so as to apply that restriction to a length of carriageway which has four traffic lanes where the left-hand or near side lane is intended primarily for slow moving traffic.