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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences)  
(Amendment) Regulations 1972**

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 119(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 18th January 1973 and may be cited as the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1972.

2. Regulation 28 (Exemptions) of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 1969(b), as amended by Regulation 17 of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1971(c), shall have effect as if—

(a) in paragraph (1)(n), for the word “registered” there were substituted the word “manufactured”; and

(b) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (r), there were inserted the following sub-paragraphs:—

“(s) a vehicle (other than an articulated vehicle) having an unladen weight not exceeding 10 tons, being a vehicle which belongs to the holder of a public service vehicle licence granted under section 127 of the Act of 1960 or is in his possession under an agreement for hire purchase, hire or loan, when driven on his behalf by a person who holds a licence to drive public service vehicles granted under section 144 of that Act for the purpose of—

(i) proceeding to or returning from a place where assistance is to be, or has been, rendered to a disabled vehicle, being a vehicle in respect of which, at the time when it became disabled, a public service vehicle licence granted under the said section 127 was in force, or

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(a) 1972 c. 20.  
 (c) S.I. 1971/736 (1971 II, p. 2049).

(b) S.I. 1969/903 (1969 II, p. 2582).

- (ii) moving such a disabled vehicle so as to prevent its causing an obstruction or towing it from the place where it has become disabled to a place where it is to be repaired, stored or broken up; and
- (t) a vehicle fitted with a crane which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture, being a vehicle which—
  - (i) is used solely for dealing with disabled vehicles,
  - (ii) is not constructed or adapted for the conveyance of a load other than water, fuel, accumulators, loose tools and loose equipment, and
  - (iii) has an unladen weight not exceeding 3 tons.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

*John Peyton,*  
Minister for Transport Industries,  
Department of the Environment.

12th December 1972.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Regulation 28 of the Heavy Goods Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 1969 (as amended) specifies the classes of heavy goods vehicles which are exempted from Part IV of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (which relates to the licensing of drivers of heavy goods vehicles). These Regulations amend Regulation 28 by providing for the exemption—

- (a) of vehicles manufactured before 1st January 1940 (instead of vehicles registered before that date); and
- (b) of certain vehicles used as breakdown vehicles.

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