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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1975 No. 2234

## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (International Road  
Haulage Permits) Regulations 1975**
*Made - - - - 23rd December 1975**Laid before Parliament 7th January 1976**Coming into Operation 1st February 1976*

The Secretary of State for the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(1) of the International Road Haulage Permits Act 1975<sup>(a)</sup> and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 1(7) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (International Road Haulage Permits) Regulations 1975, and shall come into operation on 1st February 1976.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

“international road haulage permit” means a licence, permit, authorisation or other document issued in pursuance of a Community instrument relating to the carriage of goods by road between member States or an international agreement to which the United Kingdom is a party and which relates to the international carriage of goods by road;

“permissible laden weight”, in relation to a motor vehicle, means the gross weight (that is to say, in the case of a motor vehicle, without a trailer, the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle, and in the case of a motor vehicle with a trailer attached, the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the motor vehicle and the trailer together) which, by virtue of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1973<sup>(b)</sup>, as amended<sup>(c)</sup>, is not to be exceeded when the vehicle is travelling laden on a road in Great Britain or (where the motor vehicle is a motor vehicle registered in Northern Ireland) is not, by virtue of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1967<sup>(d)</sup>, as amended<sup>(e)</sup>, to be exceeded when the vehicle is travelling laden on a road in Northern Ireland;

(a) 1975 c. 46.

(b) S.I. 1973/24 (1973 I, p. 93).

(c) There are no relevant amending instruments.

(d) SR &amp; O (N.I.) 1967/75 (Sch.3, p. 56).

(e) SR &amp; O (N.I.) 1968/44 (Article 3(13)).

“permissible pay load” in relation to a motor vehicle, means a load the weight of which does not exceed the difference between the permissible laden weight and the unladen weight of the motor vehicle, or of the motor vehicle and trailer, as the case may be;

“relief vehicle” means a vehicle used for transporting goods which is sent to replace a vehicle which has broken down, and which continues the carriage or haul under cover of the licence, permit, authorisation or other document issued for the vehicle which has broken down.

(2) Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Carriage of International Road Haulage Permits*

3. The following vehicles, that is to say—

- (a) a goods vehicle registered in the United Kingdom,
- (b) a trailer drawn by a vehicle registered in the United Kingdom, and
- (c) an unattached trailer which is for the time being in the United Kingdom

shall not be used on a journey to which these Regulations apply unless an international road haulage permit issued by the Secretary of State for that journey by such vehicle is carried on the vehicle or, in the case of a trailer, is carried either on the vehicle drawing it or by a person in charge of it.

*Journeys to which Regulations apply*

4.—(1) Subject to Regulation 5 below, these Regulations apply to every journey in the United Kingdom by a vehicle referred to in Regulation 3 above for or in connection with the carriage or haulage of goods either for hire or reward or for or in connection with any trade or business carried on by the user of the vehicle, in a case where the journey—

- (a) is a journey from a place in the United Kingdom to a place in a country specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation; or
- (b) is a journey from a place in the United Kingdom to a place in a country not so specified, but passing through a country so specified; or
- (c) is a journey—
  - (i) passing through any part of the United Kingdom, and
  - (ii) between places both of which are outside the United Kingdom and one or both of which are situated in one or more of the countries specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation; or
- (d) is a journey—
  - (i) passing through any part of the United Kingdom, and
  - (ii) between places both of which are situated outside the United Kingdom and outside any of the countries specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation, but passing through one or more of the countries so specified.

(2) The countries referred to in paragraph (1) above are—

The Republic of Austria,  
 The Republic of France,  
 The Federal Republic of Germany,  
 The Republic of Italy.

*Exceptions*

5. These Regulations do not apply to a journey to a place in, or to a journey passing through, a country specified in column (1) of the Table in this paragraph in a case where—

- (a) the vehicle is being used for the carriage only of goods mentioned in such of the paragraphs in Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations as are specified in relation to that country in column (2) of that Table; or
- (b) the vehicle is of a description mentioned in such of the paragraphs in Part II of the said Schedule as are specified in relation to that country in column (3) of that Table; or
- (c) the vehicle is being used in circumstances mentioned in such of the paragraphs in Part III of the said Schedule as are specified in relation to that country in column (4) of that Table.

TABLE

Country  (1)	Paragraphs in the Schedule		
	Part I  (2)	Part II  (3)	Part III  (4)
1. The Republic of Austria	All the paragraphs except 10 and 14	All the paragraphs	Paragraphs 29 and 30
2. The Republic of France	Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 19 and 20	Paragraphs 21, 26 and 27	Paragraphs 28 and 29
3. The Federal Republic of Germany	All the paragraphs except paragraphs 9, 11, 13 and 15	All the paragraphs except 22	Paragraphs 28, 29 and 30
4. The Republic of Italy	Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 19	Paragraphs 21 and 26	Paragraphs 28 and 29

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## THE SCHEDULE

## PART I

1. Luggage being carried in a trailer coupled to a passenger-carrying vehicle and luggage being carried to or from an airport.
2. Goods being carried to or from an airport in a case where an air service has been diverted.
3. Postal packets (as defined by section 87 of the Post Office Act 1953(a)).
4. Damaged vehicles.
5. Animal carcasses for disposal.
6. Bees.
7. Fish fry.
8. Articles required for medical care in emergency relief, in particular for natural disasters.
9. Goods carried in connection with household removals by undertakings using specialised personnel and equipment for that purpose.
10. Live animals other than cattle for slaughter.
11. Spare parts and provisions for ocean-going ships where such ships have been re-routed.
12. Goods which by reason of their value are carried in vehicles constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods requiring special security precautions and which are accompanied by guards.
13. Works of art.
14. Objects and works of art for exhibition or for commercial purposes.
15. Antiques.
16. Goods carried exclusively for publicity or educational purposes, or for advertising and information purposes.
17. Properties, equipment or animals being carried to or from theatrical, musical, cinematographic or circus performances or sporting events, exhibitions or fairs, or to or from the making of television broadcasts or films.
18. Goods carried for fairs or exhibitions.
19. Refuse and sewage.
20. Garbage.

## PART II

21. Motor vehicles having a permissible laden weight not exceeding 6 metric tons, or a permissible pay load not exceeding 3·5 metric tons.
22. Goods vehicles carrying an abnormal indivisible load or other wide load, provided that the requirements of the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1973(b) as amended(c), or (where the vehicle is a motor vehicle registered in Northern Ireland) the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order (Northern Ireland) 1968(d) are complied with.
23. Relief vehicles.
24. Unladen vehicles.
25. Trailers.
26. Trailers owned by persons resident, or having their principal place of business, outside the United Kingdom.
27. Trailers owned by persons resident, or having their principal place of business, in the United Kingdom when drawn by a motor vehicle registered in Belgium or the Netherlands.

(a) 1953 c. 36.

(b) S.I. 1973/1101 (1973 II, p. 3343).

(c) The amendment is not relevant to the subject matter of these Regulations.

(d) SR &amp; O (N.I.) 1968/277.

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**PART III**

28. Where the vehicle is on a journey out of the United Kingdom which does not extend to more than 25 kilometres as the crow flies beyond any frontier and where the distance covered on the journey does not exceed 50 kilometres. Where the journey involves crossing an area of sea no account can be taken of any distance travelled on a means of sea transport specially constructed or adapted for the carriage of commercial vehicles and operated on a regular service.

29. Where a vehicle is engaged in funeral transport.

30. Where the vehicle is being operated for or in connection with any trade or business (not being the trade or business of the carriage or haulage of goods for hire or reward) carried on by the user of the vehicle, in a case where there is carried on the vehicle a document certifying that the vehicle is being so operated.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations require commercial goods vehicles which are proceeding from or through places in the United Kingdom to or through places in Austria, France, the Federal Republic of Germany or Italy to carry the appropriate permit issued by the Secretary of State in pursuance of a Community instrument or of an international agreement (Regulations 3 and 4). In certain cases the permit is not required (Regulation 5 and the Schedule).

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