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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under sections 43(1), (2) and (6) and 44(6) 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 may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1976, and shall come into operation on 1st January 1977.
2. The Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976^(b) are hereby amended by inserting in Regulation 4(3) (Application of Regulations) thereof after the words “motor caravans which” the words “have an unladen weight exceeding 1525 Kilogrammes, are not dual purpose vehicles and”.

15th December 1976.

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport

^(a) 1972 c. 20.

^(b) S.I. 1976/1977 (1976 III, p. 5249).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend Regulation 4(3) of the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976 by limiting that paragraph to motor caravans which have an unladen weight exceeding 1525 Kilogrammes and are not dual-purpose vehicles. Before the coming into operation on 1st January 1977 of the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1976 (which replace, with amendments, the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1968 (S.I. No. 1714)) motor caravans which have an unladen weight not exceeding 1525 Kilogrammes or which are dual-purpose vehicles have been subject to the requirement for the M.O.T. test. The 1976 Regulations have the effect of bringing all motor caravans within the requirement for the test. Regulation 4(3) of the 1976 Regulations defers this extension, in the case of motor caravans first used before 1st January 1975, until 1st January 1978. As worded, that paragraph might have had the effect of exempting during 1977 motor caravans which before 1st January 1977 were subject to the requirement for the test. The words now inserted remove any possibility of such exemption.

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