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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and now vested in him(b) and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Commencement and citation

1. This Order shall come into operation on 1st November 1979 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1979.

Revocation

2. The Orders specified in Schedule 3 are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings—

“abnormal indivisible load” means a load—

(a) 1972 c. 20.

(b) S.I. 1979/571.

(a) which cannot without undue expense or risk of damage be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of carriage on roads, and

(b) which—

(i) owing to its dimensions, cannot be carried by a heavy motor car or trailer or a combination of a heavy motor car and trailer complying in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, or

(ii) owing to its weight cannot be carried by a heavy motor car or trailer or a combination of a heavy motor car and trailer having a total laden weight of less than—

(A) during the period from 13th September 1979 to 12th September 1980, 24,390 kilograms, and

(B) on and after 13th September 1980, 32,520 kilograms, and complying in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations;

“articulated vehicle”, “land locomotive”, “land tractor”, “locomotive”, “overall length”, “overall width”, “overhang”, “registered”, “straddle carrier”, “track laying”, and “wheeled” have the same meanings respectively as in the Construction and Use Regulations;

“bank holiday” means a day which is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(a);

“chief officer of police” and “police area”, in relation to England and Wales, have respectively the same meanings as in the Police Act 1964(b), and, in relation to Scotland, have respectively the same meanings as in the Police (Scotland) Act 1967(c) as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973(d);

“controlled by a pedestrian” has the same meaning as in section 193(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1972;

“Construction and Use Regulations” means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978(e);

“day” means any day except a bank holiday, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Sunday or Saturday;

“engineering plant” means—

(a) moveable plant or equipment which consists of a motor vehicle or trailer specially designed and constructed for the special purposes of engineering operations, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of those purposes, comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations and which is not constructed primarily to carry a load other than excavated material raised from the ground by apparatus on the motor vehicle or trailer or materials which the vehicle or trailer is specially designed to treat while carried thereon, or

(b) a mobile crane which does not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations;

(a) 1971 c. 80.

(b) 1964 c. 48.

(c) 1967 c. 77.

(d) 1973 c. 65.

(e) S.I. 1978/1017, as amended by S.I. 1978/1233, 1234, 1235, 1317 and 1979/138, 843, 1062.

“lateral projection”, “forward projection” and “rearward projection” have the same meanings respectively as in Regulation 139 of the Construction and Use Regulations and references in this Order to a special appliance or apparatus in relation to a vehicle, to a forward projection or a rearward projection in relation to a vehicle, to the distance between vehicles in relation to vehicles carrying a load, and to a combination of vehicles in relation to a motor vehicle which is drawing one or more trailers, shall be construed respectively in the same manner as is provided in the said Regulation 139 for the purposes of Regulation 140 of the said Regulations, and the provisions of sub-paragraphs (b), (e), (h), (i) and (j) of the said Regulation 139 shall apply for the purposes of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the said Regulations 139 and 140;

“special road” means a special road which is open for use as a special road;

“the Minister” means the Minister of Transport;

“Track Laying Regulations” means the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations 1955(a); and

“tractor” means a motor tractor.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered Article or Schedule is a reference to the Article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order except where otherwise expressly provided.

Speed limits

4. Nothing in this Order relating to the speed of vehicles shall be taken to authorise any speed which is in excess of any other speed limit imposed by or under any enactment.

PART II

MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES

Track laying vehicles (including those used for launching lifeboats)

5. The Minister authorises the use on roads of track laying motor vehicles and track laying trailers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) (a) the vehicle shall be used only for the purpose of
 - (i) demonstration, or
 - (ii) enabling it to proceed to the nearest suitable railway station for conveyance to a port for shipment or to proceed to a port for shipment from a place in the immediate vicinity of that port where suitable railway facilities are not available,
- (b) before the vehicle is so used the consent of every highway authority or every person responsible for the maintenance and repair of any road on which it is proposed that the vehicle shall be used shall in each case be obtained in writing, and
- (c) the vehicle shall not be used for the carriage of goods or burden for hire or reward; or

- (2) the vehicle shall be used only for drawing or in connection with the launching of lifeboats which are the property of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Naval, military, air force and aviation vehicles

6. The Minister authorises the use on roads of the vehicles specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Regulations of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations respectively specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of Schedule 1, subject to the vehicles being the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the persons respectively specified opposite thereto in Column 3 of Schedule 1.

Grass cutting machines and hedge trimmers

7. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor tractors constructed or adapted for use as grass cutters or hedge trimmers (not, in either case, being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian) notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with Regulation 53 of the Construction and Use Regulations subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) all other relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations shall be complied with;
- (b) the overall width of the vehicle, except when it is actually cutting grass or trimming hedges, shall not exceed 2.5 metres; and
- (c) except when the vehicle is actually engaged in such operations, all cutting or trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle shall be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person.

8. The Minister authorises the use on roads of hedge trimmers being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the requirements of Regulations 22, 30, 33, 97, 106, 109, 114, 115, 117, 122, 123, 137 and 140 of the Construction and Use Regulations, so far as applicable, shall be complied with as respects the vehicle;
- (b) the unladen weight of the vehicle shall not exceed 410 kilograms;
- (c) the overall width of the vehicle, except when it is actually trimming hedges, shall not exceed 2.29 metres; and
- (d) except when the vehicle is actually trimming hedges all trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle shall be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person.

9. The Minister authorises the use on roads of trailers constructed or adapted for use as grass cutters or hedge trimmers notwithstanding that such trailers do not comply in all respects with such of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as apply to trailers, subject to the following conditions:—

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- (a) the requirements of Regulations 107 and 114 of the Construction and Use Regulations, so far as they apply to trailers, shall be complied with;
- (b) the unladen weight of the trailer shall not exceed—
- (i) 1020 kilograms if drawn by a locomotive, a motor tractor or a heavy motor car, or
 - (ii) 815 kilograms in any other case;
- (c) the overall width of the motor vehicle by which the trailer is drawn and, except when it is actually cutting grass or trimming hedges, the overall width of the trailer shall not exceed 2.6 metres;
- (d) except when the trailer is actually engaged in such operations, where it is being drawn in such a manner that its longitudinal axis and that of the drawing vehicle are parallel but lie in different vertical planes, the width of road occupied by both vehicles shall not exceed 2.6 metres.
- For the purposes of this paragraph, the said width shall be taken as a distance equivalent to the distance which, if both vehicles were treated as if they were one vehicle at a time when the one is drawing the other in the said manner, would fall to be measured as its overall width;
- (e) except when the trailer is actually engaged in such operations, all cutting or trimming blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the trailer shall be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person; and
- (f) the trailer shall not be driven at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Pedestrian controlled road maintenance vehicles

10. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor vehicles constructed or adapted for the gritting of roads, the laying of road markings, the clearing of frost, snow or ice from roads or any other work of maintaining roads, being vehicles controlled by a pedestrian and not constructed or adapted for use or used for the carriage of a driver or passenger, notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulations 11, 13, 37, 55 and 67 of the Construction and Use Regulations subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) all other relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations shall be complied with;
- (b) the weight of the vehicle whether laden or unladen, shall not exceed 410 kilograms; and
- (c) the vehicle shall be equipped with an efficient braking system capable of being set or with sufficient other means, not being a braking system, whereby it can be brought to a standstill and held stationary.

Vehicles used for experiments or trials

11. The Minister authorises the use on roads of vehicles in or in connection with the conduct of experiments or trials under section 249 of the Highways Act 1959(a) notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects

with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations.

Straddle carriers

12. The Minister authorises the use on roads of straddle carriers notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulations 12, 13(2)(b)(ii), 42, 44, 57, 58, 59(5), (6) and (7) and 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)) of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the vehicle shall not be used otherwise than for the purpose of demonstration or in the course of delivery on sale or when proceeding to or returning from a manufacturer or repairer for the purpose of repair or overhaul and, when so used, shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment:

Provided that a vehicle which does not comply with the said Regulation 58 may, if it complies with the said Regulations 12 and 57, be used whether laden or unladen in passing from one part of any private premises to any other part thereof or to other private premises in the immediate neighbourhood;

- (b) the vehicle shall not travel at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;
- (c) the overall width of the vehicle shall not exceed 2·9 metres;
- (d) the vehicle shall not be used if the overall length of the vehicle or, where the vehicle is carrying a load, if the overall length of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 9·2 metres except with the consent of the chief officer of police of every police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used;
- (e) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this paragraph, the owner of the vehicle shall, not less than two clear days before such use, apply to the chief officer of police of any such area for his consent to the use of the vehicle, and shall, when making the application, furnish to him particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall length, of the length of any forward projection or rearward projection of any load proposed to be carried, and of the roads on which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used; and
- (f) all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations other than those specified above shall be complied with.

Land tractors used for harvesting

13. The Minister authorises the use on roads of land tractors constructed for the purpose of harvesting notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulations 53 and 54 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the vehicle shall not draw a trailer other than a two-wheeled trailer used solely for the carriage of the necessary gear and equipment of the vehicle or an unladen trailer specially designed for use with the vehicle in the harvesting of crops;

- (b) the overall width of the vehicle shall not exceed 4·3 metres;
- (c) where the overall width of the vehicle exceeds 3·5 metres, at least one person in addition to the driver shall be employed in attending to that vehicle to give warning to the driver and to any other person of any danger likely to be caused to any such other person by reason of the presence of the vehicle on the road;
- (d) the vehicle shall not travel at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;
- (e) all cutting blades which form part of the machinery fitted to the vehicle must be effectively guarded so that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person;
- (f) all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations other than the requirements of Regulations 53 and 54 of those Regulations shall be complied with;
- (g) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, if the vehicle has an overall width which exceeds 2·9 metres, before using it on a road for a journey exceeding 5 miles, shall give at least twenty-four hours' notice to the chief officer of police of any such area and such notice shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey; and
- (h) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which the owner may be directed to make by any such chief officer of police, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid.

Mechanically propelled hay and straw balers

14. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor tractors constructed for the purpose of picking up, baling and binding hay or straw notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply with the requirements of Regulation 54 of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the overall width of the vehicle shall not exceed 2·44 metres;
- (b) the overhang of the vehicle shall not exceed 2·44 metres;
- (c) the vehicle shall not travel on a road at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour; and
- (d) all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations other than the requirements of Regulation 54 of those Regulations shall be complied with.

Vehicles for moving excavated material

15. The Minister authorises the use on roads of moveable plant or equipment (other than engineering plant) being a heavy motor car, trailer or

articulated vehicle specially designed and constructed for use in private premises for the primary purpose of moving excavated material and fitted with a tipping body, moving platform or other similar device for discharging its load, and which cannot, owing to the requirements of that purpose, comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) the vehicle shall only be used in proceeding to and from private premises or between private premises and a port in either direction and shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment;
- (b) a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle shall not draw any trailer;
- (c) where a trailer is drawn by a motor vehicle the motor vehicle shall not draw any other trailer;
- (d) in a case where the overall width of the vehicle exceeds 4·3 metres the conditions specified in Article 24 shall be complied with;
- (e) in the case of a heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle, and in the case of an articulated vehicle, the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely shall not exceed 22,860 kilograms and the sum of the weights so transmitted by all the wheels shall not exceed 50,800 kilograms;
- (f) in the case of a trailer, whether or not forming part of an articulated vehicle, the provisions of Regulation 75(1)(b) and (c) and (2)(b) and (c) of the Construction and Use Regulations shall not apply if the trailer is equipped with an efficient brake or with suitable scotches or similar devices to hold it stationary when necessary;
- (g) the overall length of a trailer shall not exceed 8·54 metres and the overall length of an articulated vehicle shall not exceed 13·4 metres;
- (h) the vehicle shall not travel on any road, other than a special road, at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour;
- (i) every wheel of the vehicle shall be equipped with a pneumatic tyre;
- (j) where the overall width of the vehicle exceeds 3·5 metres, at least one person, in addition to the person or persons employed as respects a motor vehicle in driving that vehicle, shall be employed in attending to that vehicle and any load carried thereby and any trailer drawn by that vehicle and any load carried on the trailer and to give warning to the driver of the said motor vehicle and to any other person of any danger likely to be caused to any such other person by reason of the presence of the vehicle or the vehicle and trailer on the road:

Provided that, where three or more vehicles authorised by this Article are travelling together in convoy, it shall be a sufficient compliance with this paragraph if only the foremost and rearmost vehicles in the convoy are attended in the manner prescribed in this paragraph;

- (k) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, if its overall width exceeds 2·9 metres, before using it on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice to the chief officer of police of any such area and such notice shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey;
- (l) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by any such chief officer of police, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width of the vehicle does not exceed the width of which particulars have been given as aforesaid;
- (m) in the case of the use of a vehicle in respect of which any of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as to the weights of vehicles, whether laden or unladen, or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels is not complied with, or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as to any or all of the vehicles in the combination is not complied with—
- (i) save in so far as the highway authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this sub-paragraph as to length of notice or as to the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on that road or that bridge, shall give to the highway authority for the road and the bridge authority for the bridge at least two clear days' notice in the form and containing the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 2, and the provisions of Article 26(6) and (7) shall apply as respects any such notice, and
 - (ii) before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the highway authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity in the form specified in Part II of Schedule 2, and the provisions of Article 26(6) and (7) shall apply as respects any such indemnity,

and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph references to a combination of vehicles shall be construed in the same manner as is provided in Regulation 139(g) of the Construction and Use Regulations; and

- (n) in a case specified in an item in column 2 of the Table below, all the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply with the exception of the Regulations which are specified opposite to that item in column 3 of that table and, in relation to items 2 and 3, save as provided in paragraph (f) above.

TABLE

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Item	Case	Construction and Use Regulations not applicable
1.	A heavy motor car not forming part of an articulated vehicle.	Regulations 12,13(2)(b) (ii), 42, 44, 57, 59(5), (6) and (7), 61, 85, 89, 92, 93, 94 and 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)).
2.	A trailer not forming part of an articulated vehicle.	Regulations 12, 42, 73, 74, 79, and 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)).
3.	An articulated vehicle.	Regulations 9(1), 12, 13 (2)(b)(ii), 42, 44, 57, 59 (5), (6) and (7), 61, 74, 79, 85, 86, 88, 90 to 94 (inclusive) and 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)).

Motor vehicles and trailers constructed for use outside the United Kingdom or which are new or improved types constructed for tests or trials or are equipped with new or improved equipment or types of equipment

16.—(1) This Article applies to wheeled motor vehicles and trailers not falling within any description of motor vehicle or trailer specified in Article 18 or 19 and references in this Article to motor vehicles and trailers shall be construed accordingly.

(2) The Minister authorises the use on roads—

- (A) of motor vehicles and trailers, or types of motor vehicles and trailers, constructed for use outside the United Kingdom and of new or improved types of motor vehicles and trailers constructed for tests or trials notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, and
- (B) of motor vehicles and trailers equipped with new or improved equipment or types of equipment notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with such of the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations as cannot, by reason only of the said equipment, be complied with,

subject, in all cases, to the following conditions:—

(a) the vehicle shall not be used otherwise than—

- (i) for or in connection with the testing or demonstration of the vehicle, or
- (ii) in the course of delivery on sale, or
- (iii) for proceeding to or returning from a manufacturer or repairer for the purpose of construction, repair or overhaul;

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- (b) the vehicle shall comply with Regulations 8, 13, 22, 27, 29, 80A, 81, 97, 100, 101(1)(a), 102, 103, and 107 to 113 (inclusive) of the Construction and Use Regulations, and Regulations 114 to 125 (inclusive), 127 to 131 (inclusive), 133, 137 and 139 to 143 (inclusive) of the said Regulations shall apply thereto;
- (c) the vehicle shall not be used for the carriage of any load other than its necessary gear or equipment or such apparatus or ballast as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out a test or trial of the vehicle;
- (d) save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle in that area, with any of the requirements contained in this sub-paragraph as to length of notice or particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, if its overall width exceeds 2.9 metres or if its overall length exceeds that specified by any provision in Regulation 9 or 73 of the Construction and Use Regulations, before using it on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice to the chief officer of police of any such area and such notice shall contain particulars of the vehicle concerned, of its overall width and overall length, and of the width and length of any load proposed to be carried, and of the time, date and route of the proposed journey;
- (e) subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by any such chief officer of police, the vehicle shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with the foregoing sub-paragraph as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if the overall width and overall length of the vehicle and the width and length of any load carried thereon do not exceed the width and length of which particulars have been given as aforesaid;
- (f) in the case of the use of a vehicle in respect of which any of the Construction and Use Regulations as to the weights of vehicles, whether laden or unladen, or the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels is not complied with, or, where a combination of vehicles is used, if any of the said requirements as to any or all of the vehicles in the combination is not complied with—
- (i) save in so far as the highway authority for any road or the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles on that road or, as the case may be, on that bridge, with the requirements contained in this sub-paragraph as to length of notice or to the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or the vehicles on that road or that bridge shall give to the highway authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge at least two clear days' notice in the form and containing the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 2, and the provisions of Article 26(6) and (7) shall apply as respects any such notice, and
 - (ii) before using the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles on any road or bridge the owner of the vehicle or vehicles shall give to the highway authority for the road and to the bridge authority for the bridge an indemnity in the form specified in Part II of

Schedule 2, and the provisions of Article 26(6) and (7) shall apply as respects any such indemnity,

and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph references to a combination of vehicles shall be construed in the same manner as is provided in Regulation 139(g) of the Construction and Use Regulations.

Vehicles fitted with moveable platforms

17.—(1) The Minister authorises the use on roads of a vehicle fitted with a moveable platform notwithstanding that the vehicle does not comply in all respects with the requirements of Regulations 8, 9, 11, 48, 53, 54, 57, 58, 62, 63 or 140 of the Construction and Use Regulations subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations other than those specified above shall be complied with;
- (b) the vehicle shall not be used on a road unless its special equipment is fully retracted except when the vehicle is at a place where it is being used to facilitate overhead working;
- (c) any jacks with which the vehicle is fitted for stabilising it while the moveable platform is in use and which project from the sides of the vehicle shall be clearly visible to persons using the road within a reasonable distance of the vehicle; and
- (d) the vehicle, except in respect of its special equipment when the vehicle is at a place where it is being used to facilitate overhead working, shall—
 - (i) as respects its overall length, comply with Regulation 9 of the said Regulations,
 - (ii) as respects its overall width, comply with Regulations 48, 53, 57 or 62 (as the case may be) of the said Regulations,
 - (iii) in the case of a vehicle other than a locomotive, as respects its overhang, comply with Regulations 54, 58 or 63 (as the case may be) of the said Regulations.

(2) In this Article—

“moveable platform” means a platform which is attached to, and may be moved by means of, an extensible boom, and

“special equipment” means a moveable platform, the apparatus for moving the platform and any jacks fitted to the vehicle for stabilising it while the moveable platform is in use.

PART III

ABNORMAL INDIVISIBLE LOADS, ENGINEERING PLANT AND OTHER VEHICLES CARRYING WIDE LOADS

Vehicles for carrying or drawing abnormal indivisible loads

18.—(1) The Minister authorises the use on roads of heavy motor cars and trailers specially designed and constructed for the carriage of abnormal indivisible loads and of locomotives and tractors specially designed and con-

structed to draw trailers specially so designed and constructed notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations, subject—

- (a) in a case where Article 22, 23, 25 or 26 applies to the conditions contained in such of those Articles as are applicable to that case;
- (b) in a case where the overall width of the vehicle or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 4.3 metres, to the conditions contained in Article 24; and
- (c) in all cases to the further conditions specified in paragraph (2) below.

(2) The conditions referred to in paragraph 1(c) above are as follows:—

- (a) a heavy motor car or trailer which does not comply with Part II of the Construction and Use Regulations shall be used only, save as provided in paragraphs (i) and (m) of this Article, for or in connection with the carriage of an abnormal indivisible load;
- (b) a locomotive or tractor which does not comply with Part II of the Construction and Use Regulations shall be used only for or in connection with the drawing of trailers the use of which on roads is authorised by this Article;
- (c) the overall width of a heavy motor car shall not exceed 2.9 metres unless it is used for or in connection with the carriage of a load which can only safely be carried on a heavy motor car which exceeds that overall width;
- (d) the overall width of a locomotive or tractor shall not exceed 2.9 metres unless it is used for or in connection with the carriage of a load on a trailer which exceeds that overall width, being a load which can only be safely carried on such a trailer;
- (e) the overall width of a trailer shall not exceed 2.9 metres unless—
 - (i) it is drawn by a locomotive or a tractor and is used for or in connection with the carriage of such a load as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above, or
 - (ii) it is used laden as part of an articulated vehicle which has a laden weight not exceeding 50,000 kilograms;
- (f) notwithstanding anything in sub-paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) above, the overall width of a heavy motor car, locomotive, tractor or trailer shall not exceed 6.1 metres;
- (g) where, in relation to the load carried by a vehicle, there is a lateral projection on one or both sides of the vehicle the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of the projection, or, as the case may be, of both projections shall not exceed 6.1 metres;
- (h) where a load is carried in such a manner that its weight rests—
 - (i) on one vehicle being a heavy motor car or a trailer, the overall length of the heavy motor car or, as the case may be, of the trailer together with the length of any forward and of any rearward projection of its load shall not exceed 27.4 metres; or

(ii) on more than one vehicle and the vehicles consist of—

(a) a motor vehicle drawing one trailer whether constituting an articulated vehicle or not, or

(b) any other combination of vehicles,

then, in the case at (a) above, the overall length of the trailer together with the length of any forward projection of the load extending beyond the foremost point of the trailer and of any rearward projection of the load shall not exceed 27·4 metres and, in the case at (b) above, the overall length of the vehicles together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward and of any rearward projection of the load shall not exceed 27·4 metres;

(i) the vehicle shall be so constructed that it is a wheeled vehicle;

(j) every wheel of the vehicle shall be equipped with a pneumatic tyre or a tyre of soft or elastic material;

(k) the following restrictions on weight shall apply to vehicles, including articulated vehicles, carrying an abnormal indivisible load:—

(i) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the load shall not exceed 152,400 kilograms,

(ii) the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel shall not exceed 11,430 kilograms,

(iii) the weight transmitted to any strip of road surface upon which the wheels rest contained between any two parallel lines drawn on that surface at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the load shall not exceed, if the parallel lines are not more than 610 millimetres apart, 45,720 kilograms and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 610 millimetres but not exceeding a total distance apart of 2·13 metres at a rate of 30,000 kilograms per metre and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 2·13 metres, at a rate of 10,000 kilograms per metre, and

(iv) the total weight transmitted to the road surface by any wheels in line transversely not fitted with pneumatic tyres shall be such that the average weight per 25 millimetres width of tyre in contact with the road surface shall not exceed 765 kilograms:

Provided that the restrictions contained in item (ii) of this paragraph shall not apply to any heavy motor car registered on or before 31st December 1951 or any trailer manufactured before 1st January 1952.

For the purposes of item (ii) of this paragraph any two wheels shall be regarded as one wheel if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 610 millimetres;

(l) the vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not carry more than one abnormal indivisible load at any one time:

Provided that—

- (i) subject to compliance with all the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to the laden weights of vehicles and the weights transmitted to the road surface by all or any of the wheels, it shall be permissible for a vehicle or any vehicles comprised in a combination of vehicles to carry more than one abnormal indivisible load of the same character and, where any abnormal indivisible load is carried, to carry any articles of a similar character;
- (ii) in the case of vehicles not falling within the foregoing proviso, it shall be permissible for a vehicle or any vehicles comprised in a combination of vehicles to carry more than one abnormal indivisible load each of the same character if—
 - (a) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle or vehicles carrying the loads does not exceed 76,200 kilograms;
 - (b) the overall length in relation to the vehicle or vehicles carrying the loads is such that the provisions of sub-paragraph (i) or (ii) of paragraph (h) above would be complied with were “18.3 metres” substituted for “27.4 metres” except that, where such compliance would be impossible by reason of the length of one of the loads if that were the only one carried, the aforesaid distance of 18.3 metres may be increased to such greater distance not exceeding 27.4 metres as may be necessary to permit the carriage of that load;
 - (c) the overall width of any vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection of its load does not exceed 2.9 metres or, where it would be impossible for the aforesaid distance to be complied with by reason of the width of one of the loads if that were the only one carried, such greater distance not exceeding 6.1 metres as may be necessary to permit the carriage of that load; and
 - (d) all the loads carried are loaded at the same place and conveyed to the same destination;
- (m) where an abnormal indivisible load consists of engineering plant from which one or more constituent parts have been detached, such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts may be carried :

Provided that—

- (i) no dimension of such constituent parts protrudes beyond any dimension of the vehicle or combination of vehicles on which such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts are being carried to an extent greater than such abnormal indivisible load would protrude if it were being carried without such constituent parts;
- (ii) such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts are loaded at the same place and have the same destination; and
- (iii) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle or vehicles carrying such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts does not exceed 76,200 kilograms;

- (n) in the case of a trailer whether manufactured before 1st January 1968 or on or after that date, Regulation 75(1) of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply as it applies to trailers manufactured before 1st January 1968;
- (o) the conditions specified in Articles 21(1) and 27; and
- (p) in a case specified in column 2 of the Table below, all the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply with the exception of the Regulations which are specified opposite to that item in column 3 of that table, and, in relation to items 3 and 4, save as provided in paragraph (n) above.

TABLE

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Item	Case	Construction and Use Regulations not applicable
1.	A heavy motor car.	Regulations 12, 13(2)(b)(ii), 44, 57, 59(5), (6) and (7), 60, 61, 85, 87 to 95 (inclusive), 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)), 140 and 150.
2.	A locomotive or tractor.	Regulations 12, 44, 48, 53, 83 and 87.
3.	A trailer constructed before 15th January 1931.	Regulations 9, 11, 12, 20, 74, 75(2), 77 to 79 (inclusive), 83, 86 to 95 (inclusive), 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)), 140 and 150.
4.	A trailer constructed on or after 15th January 1931.	Regulations 9, 12, 20, 74, 75(2), 77 to 79 (inclusive), 83, 86 to 95 (inclusive), 101 (except paragraph (1)(a)), 140 and 150.

Engineering plant

19. The Minister authorises the use on roads of engineering plant notwithstanding that such vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or the Track Laying Regulations, subject to—

- (1) the restriction specified in Article 21(2),
- (2) in a case where Article 22, 23, 25 or 26 applies, the conditions specified in such of those Articles as are applicable,
- (3) in a case where the overall width of the vehicle, or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 4.3 metres, the conditions specified in Article 24, and
- (4) in any case, the following conditions :—
 - (a) engineering plant other than a mobile crane shall be used on a road only for the purpose of proceeding to or from the site of

engineering operations or when actually engaged in such operations and shall carry no load other than its necessary gear or equipment or, in the case of plant when actually engaged on the construction, maintenance and repair of roads, materials which it is specially designed to treat while carried on the vehicle or which have been excavated and raised from the ground by apparatus on the motor vehicle or trailer;

- (b) a mobile crane shall not be used on a road to lift or transport goods or burden except when actually engaged in engineering operations;
- (c) engineering plant other than a mobile crane shall only draw a trailer which is engineering plant or a living van or office hut used in connection with the construction, maintenance and repair of roads;
- (d) no mobile crane shall draw a trailer;
- (e) the vehicle shall be so constructed that it is either a wheeled vehicle or a track laying vehicle;
- (f) in the case of a wheeled motor vehicle Regulations 4, 11, 21, 22, 25 to 38 (inclusive), 47, 80A, 97, 100, 101(1)(a), 102 to 107 (inclusive), 109, 114 to 125 (inclusive), 127, 128 and 137 of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply :

Provided that—

- (i) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or before 31st December 1951 Regulations 25 and 27 of the said Regulations shall not apply, and
 - (ii) in the case of a machine designed for use and used solely for the purpose of laying materials for the repair or construction of road surfaces, if the weight transmitted to the road surface by any two wheels in line transversely does not exceed 11,180 kilograms, the said Regulation 11 shall not apply;
 - (iii) in the case of a motor vehicle designed for use in work of construction or repair of road surfaces, the wheels of which are equipped with pneumatic tyres specially provided with smooth treads for such use and which is incapable by reason of its construction of exceeding a speed of 20 miles per hour on the level under its own power, Regulation 107(1)(f) of the said Regulations shall not apply;
- (g) in the case of a wheeled trailer, Regulations 4, 11, 80A, 81, 97, 101(1)(a), 102, 103, 107, 114, 122 and 127 of the Construction and Use Regulations shall apply:

Provided that in the case of a trailer designed for use in work of construction or repair of road surfaces and the wheels of which are equipped with pneumatic tyres specially provided with smooth treads for such use, Regulation 107(1)(b) of the said Regulations shall not apply;

- (h) in the case of a track laying motor vehicle Regulations 4, 6, 9, 13, 14, 16 to 24 (inclusive), 51, 53 to 69 (inclusive), 71, 72 and 78 of the Track Laying Regulations shall apply :

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or before 31st December 1951 Regulations 16 and 17 of the said Regulations shall not apply, and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle which is a road roller the said Regulation 9 shall not apply;

(i) in the case of a track laying trailer Regulations 4, 6, 9, 22, 23, 44, 51, 54, 56, 57, 59, 67 and 71 of the Track Laying Regulations shall apply :

Provided that in the case of a trailer which is a road roller the said Regulation 9 shall not apply;

(j) all the wheels of a vehicle which are not equipped with pneumatic tyres or tyres of soft or elastic material shall be equipped with smooth tyres and have the edges rounded to a radius of not less than 12 millimetres and not more than 25 millimetres :

Provided that in the case of gritting machines designed for use and used for gritting frosted and icebound roads all or any of the tyres may be shod with diagonal cross bars of equal width of not less than 25 millimetres, extending the full breadth of the tyre and so arranged that the distance between adjacent cross bars is not greater than the width of the cross bars;

(k) in the case of any vehicle the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel not equipped with pneumatic tyres where no other wheel is in the same line transversely or by all the wheels not equipped with pneumatic tyres in line transversely shall be such that the average weight per 25 millimetres width of tyre in contact with such surface does not exceed 765 kilograms;

(l) a motor vehicle shall be equipped with an efficient brake :

Provided that—

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle propelled by steam the engine shall be deemed to be an efficient brake if the engine is capable of being reversed, and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle registered on or after 1st January 1952 any brake required by this paragraph shall be capable of being set so as to hold the vehicle when stationary unless another brake fitted to the vehicle is capable of being so set;

(m) a trailer shall be equipped with an efficient brake or with suitable scotches or other similar devices to hold the vehicle stationary when necessary;

(n) no motor vehicle which exceeds 7.93 metres in overall length shall draw a trailer :

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a motor vehicle which is drawing a broken down vehicle in consequence of the breakdown;

(o) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels and tracks of a vehicle shall not exceed 152,400 kilograms;

- (p) the overall length of a vehicle shall not exceed 27·4 metres;
- (q) the overall width of a vehicle shall not exceed 6·1 metres;
- (r) as respects weight—
 - (i) the weight transmitted to the road surface by any one wheel of a vehicle, other than a heavy motor car registered on or before 31st December 1951 or a trailer manufactured before 1st January 1952, shall not exceed 11,430 kilograms, and for the purposes of this part of this sub-paragraph any two wheels shall be treated as one wheel if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 610 millimetres,
 - (ii) the weight transmitted to any strip of road surface upon which the wheels of a vehicle rest contained between any two parallel lines drawn on that surface at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle shall not exceed, if the parallel lines are not more than 610 millimetres apart, 45,720 kilograms and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 610 millimetres but not exceeding a total distance apart of 2·13 metres, at a rate of 30,000 kilograms per metre and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 2·13 metres, at a rate of 10,000 kilograms per metre,
 - (iii) the total weight transmitted to the road surface by any wheels of a vehicle in line transversely not fitted with pneumatic tyres shall be such that the average weight per 25 millimetre width of tyre in contact with the road surface shall not exceed 765 kilograms, and
 - (iv) in the case of a track laying vehicle, in addition to the foregoing restrictions, the weight transmitted by each track thereof to any strip of road surface contained between any two parallel lines drawn on that surface at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle shall not exceed, if the parallel lines are not more than 610 millimetres apart, 11,430 kilograms, and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 610 millimetres but not exceeding a total distance apart of 2·13 metres, at a rate of 7,500 kilograms per metre and, thereafter, additional weight shall be permitted, for any distance apart of the parallel lines in excess of 2·13 metres, at a rate of 2,500 kilograms per metre.

Other vehicles carrying loads exceeding 4·3 metres in width

20. The Minister authorises the use on roads of motor vehicles and trailers carrying loads where the overall width of the vehicle on which the load is carried together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of the load exceeds 4·3 metres but does not exceed 6·1 metres, subject to the restrictions and conditions contained in Articles 21(3), 22, 24 and 25 and also to the condition that the vehicle complies in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations (other than Regulation 140(1) and (2)).

Speed limits for vehicles authorised by Article 18, 19 or 20

21.—(1) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 shall not travel on any road other than a special road—

- (a) at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour in the case of a vehicle which—
 - (i) is not carrying a load,
 - (ii) has an overall width not exceeding 2·9 metres, and
 - (iii) complies with all the relevant requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations with respect to—
 - (a) the springs, wings, brakes and tyres with which the vehicle is required to be fitted or equipped,
 - (b) the weight of the vehicle, and
 - (c) the weight transmitted to the road surface by the wheels of the vehicle; and
- (b) at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour in any other case.

(2) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 19 shall not travel on any road other than a special road at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour.

(3) A vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 shall not travel on any road other than a special road at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour.

Attendants

22.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 and in a case where—

- (a) the overall width of the vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19 or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 3·5 metres, or
- (b) the overall length of the vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19 or of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 18·3 metres, or
- (c) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by Article 18 or 19) which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, a load is carried in such a manner that its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles being—
 - (i) the motor vehicle and one trailer whether forming part of an articulated vehicle or not, or
 - (ii) any other combination of vehicles,

and, in the case at (i) above, the overall length of the trailer together with the length of any forward projection of the load extending beyond the foremost point of the trailer and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 18·3 metres and, in the case at (ii) above the overall length of the vehicles together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 18·3 metres, or

(d) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by Article 18 or 19) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the combination and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein exceeds 25.9 metres, or

(e) a vehicle the use of which is authorised by Article 18 or 19 is carrying a load having a forward projection exceeding 1.83 metres in length or a rearward projection exceeding 3.05 metres in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection.

(2) As respects a vehicle to which this Article applies at least one person, in addition to the person or persons employed in driving any motor vehicle to which this Article applies, shall be employed—

(a) to warn such driver or drivers, and any other person, of any danger likely to be caused to such other person by the presence of such vehicle, and any vehicle or vehicles being drawn by such vehicle on the road, and

(b) to attend to—

(i) such vehicle and its load,

(ii) any vehicle or vehicles drawn by such vehicle, and

(iii) the load carried on any vehicle or vehicles so drawn.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) above—

(a) in a case where a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers any person employed in pursuance of section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 in attending that vehicle or any such trailer shall be treated as being an attendant required by that paragraph so long as he is also employed to discharge the duties mentioned in that paragraph,

(b) in a case where a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers and another motor vehicle is used for the purpose of assisting in their propulsion on the road, the person or persons employed in driving that other motor vehicle shall not be treated as a person or persons employed in attending to the first-mentioned vehicle or any vehicle or vehicles drawn thereby, and

(c) in a case where three or more vehicles to which that paragraph applies are travelling together in convoy, it shall be a sufficient compliance with the requirements of that paragraph if only the first and the last vehicles in the convoy are attended in the manner specified in that paragraph.

Marking of projecting loads and fixed appliances or apparatus which project

23.—(1) This Article applies in a case where a vehicle the use of which is authorised by Article 18 or 19—

(a) carries a load which—

(i) has a forward or a rearward projection exceeding 1.83 metres in length, or

- (ii) has a rearward projection exceeding 1·07 metres in length but not exceeding 1·83 metres in length, or
 - (b) is fitted with a special appliance or apparatus which—
 - (i) has a forward or a rearward projection exceeding 1·83 metres in length, or
 - (ii) has a rearward projection exceeding 1·07 metres in length but not exceeding 1·83 metres in length.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this Article—
- (a) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) or in sub-paragraph (b)(i) of the foregoing paragraph the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 to the Construction and Use Regulations shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 3 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph, and
 - (b) as respects a projection mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(ii) or in sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the foregoing paragraph the conditions specified in paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 8 shall be complied with, and accordingly the provisions of the said paragraph 4 shall apply in relation to that projection as they apply in relation to a relevant projection as mentioned in that paragraph.
- (3) Where, in any of the cases mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article, a vehicle is carrying a load or is fitted with a special appliance or apparatus and the load or the appliance or apparatus has, in relation to the vehicle, a forward projection or a rearward projection, and another vehicle is attached to that end of the vehicle from which the load or, as the case may be, the appliance or apparatus projects and is attached to that vehicle in such a manner that—
- (a) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the foremost part of the projection or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost point of that other vehicle extends beyond the rearmost part of the projection, or
 - (b) in the case where there is a forward projection, the foremost part of the projection extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle or, in the case where there is a rearward projection, the rearmost part of the projection extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle, then—
 - (i) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, the provisions of paragraph (2) of this Article shall not apply as respects any such projection, and
 - (ii) in either of the cases mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph, the provisions of the said paragraph (2) shall apply as if each of the references in paragraph (1) of this Article to a rearward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a rearward projection as extends beyond the rearmost point of that other vehicle and as if the reference in the said paragraph (1) to a forward projection were treated as a reference to so much of a forward projection as extends beyond the foremost point of that other vehicle measured, in either case, when the

longitudinal axis of each vehicle lies in the same vertical plane between vertical planes at right angles to the said longitudinal axis and passing, in the case of a rearward projection, through the rearmost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point or, in the case of a forward projection, through the foremost point of the said other vehicle and that part of the projection furthest from that point.

(4) This Article shall not apply to any motor vehicle or trailer being used—

(a) for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or for defence purposes (including civil defence purposes), or

(b) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic

if, in any such case, compliance with any provision of this Article would hinder or be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

(5) Notwithstanding that paragraph (2)(a) provides for the conditions specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 8 to the Construction and Use Regulations to be complied with as respects a load which has a projection to which sub-paragraph (a)(i) of paragraph (1) of this Article applies, those conditions in relation to the exhibition of the end projection surface on that projection need not be complied with in the case of such a load which carries a rear marking in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations 1970(a).

Approval of the Minister as to the time, date and route of a journey by a vehicle or a vehicle and its load exceeding 4.3 metres in width

24.—(1) This Article applies in the case of a vehicle the use of which on roads otherwise falls to be authorised—

(a) by Article 15 where the overall width of a vehicle exceeds 4.3 metres;

(b) by Article 18 or 19 where the overall width of the vehicle or, if it is used for carrying a load, where the overall width of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 4.3 metres; or

(c) by Article 20.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) of this Article, a vehicle mentioned in the foregoing paragraph shall be used only—

(a) for the purpose of making such a journey between specified places as the Minister may have approved by notice in writing given to the owner of the vehicle and only at such times (if any), on such a date or dates (if any) and on such a route (if any) as the Minister may have specified in the said notice, or as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle shall be used may have specified, in relation to the use of the vehicle in that area, in a direction given to the owner of the vehicle, and

(b) if the notice referred to in the foregoing sub-paragraph is carried on the vehicle at all times while it is being used for the purpose of making the journey for which the Minister's approval has been given.

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(3) Where the effect of any such direction as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of the foregoing paragraph is to vary, in relation to a time, a date or a route of the journey approved by the Minister under that sub-paragraph, the time, the date or dates or the route of the said journey, the vehicle shall not be used in accordance with that direction unless the Minister has given his further approval that the vehicle shall be so used.

Notice to police

25.—(1) This Article applies in a case where:—

- (a) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19 or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 2·9 metres, or
- (b) the overall length of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19 or of the vehicle together with the length of any forward projection and of any rearward projection of its load exceeds 18·3 metres, or
- (c) as respects a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is authorised by Article 18 or 19) which is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, a load is carried in such a manner that its weight rests on more than one of the vehicles being—
 - (i) the motor vehicle and one trailer whether constituting an articulated vehicle or not, or
 - (ii) any other combination of vehicles,

and, in the case at (i) above, the overall length of the trailer together with the length of any forward projection of the load extending beyond the foremost point of the trailer and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 18·3 metres and, in the case at (ii) above the overall length of the vehicles together with the distance between vehicles and the length of any forward and of any rearward projection of the load exceeds 18·3 metres, or

- (d) a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and the overall length of the combination of vehicles together with the length of any forward projection of any load extending beyond the foremost point of the drawing vehicle comprised in the combination and the length of any rearward projection of any load extending beyond the rearmost point of the rearmost vehicle comprised therein exceeds 25·9 metres, or
- (e) a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19 is carrying a load having a forward projection or a rearward projection exceeding 3·05 metres in length or is fitted with any special appliance or apparatus having such a projection as aforesaid, or
- (f) the total weight of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19 or of such a vehicle and its load or, in a case where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised), is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised, the total weight of the combination of vehicles or of the said combination and of any load carried by any vehicle or vehicles comprised therein exceeds 76,200 kilograms, or
- (g) the use of a vehicle on roads is authorised by Article 20.

(2) Save in so far as the chief officer of police of any police area in which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the vehicles, will be used dispenses, as respects the use of the vehicle or vehicles in that area, with the requirements contained in this paragraph as to the length or the form of notice or the particulars to be given, the owner of the vehicle, or, as the case may be, of the vehicles, before using the vehicle or vehicles on a road, shall give at least two clear days' notice to the chief officer of police of any such area and such notice shall, subject to any necessary modification, be in the form and contain the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 2.

(3) Subject to any variation in the time, date or route of the journey which may be directed by any such chief officer of police, and subject to any delay which may be occasioned by reason of a direction given by a police constable, in the interests of road safety or to avoid undue traffic congestion, to the driver of a vehicle to halt it in a place on or adjacent to the road on which the vehicle is travelling, the vehicle or vehicles shall be used only in circumstances which accord with the particulars given in compliance with paragraph (2) above as to the time, date and route of the journey and only if any dimension or measurement relating to the vehicle or the vehicles (including one relating to a combination of vehicles) or to a special appliance or apparatus or to a load to be carried, being a dimension or measurement of which particulars have been given as aforesaid, is not exceeded.

Notice and indemnity to highway and bridge authorities

26.—(1) This Article applies to—

- (a) a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19, whether such vehicle is laden or unladen, or
- (b) a combination of a motor vehicle (whether or not its use on roads is authorised under Article 18 or 19) and any trailer or trailers the use of which on roads is authorised under the said Articles, whether all or any part of such combination is laden or unladen,

and which, in either case, either—

- (i) has a total weight exceeding 76,200 kilograms or
- (ii) does not comply in all respects with the requirements of the Construction and Use Regulations or of the Track Laying Regulations with respect to
 - (a) the weights of vehicles, whether laden or unladen;
 - (b) the weights transmitted to the surface of the road by all or any of the wheels or tracks.

(2) In any case where this Article applies, the owner of the vehicle or, as the case may be, of the combination of vehicles, shall give to the highway authority for any road and the bridge authority for any bridge on which it is proposed that the vehicle or, as the case may be, the combination of vehicles shall be used—

- (a) at any time before such use an indemnity in the form specified in Part II of Schedule 2; and
- (b) in any case to which sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (1) above applies, at least six clear days (or such less period as the said highway authority or the said bridge authority, as the case may be, may agree) before such use, and in a case to which sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (1) above

applies at least two clear days (or such less period as the said highway authority or the said bridge authority, as the case may be, may agree) before such use, a notice in the form and containing the particulars specified in Part I of Schedule 2.

(3) Where, in accordance with requirements specified in paragraph (2) above, notice is required to be given at least six clear days before a journey is proposed to be made by a combination of vehicles which include a trailer the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 and it is found impracticable to use any vehicle specified in the said notice (not being a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 or 19) as a vehicle intended to draw the trailer, then any other vehicle of a similar type may be substituted therefor if at least two clear days' notice of the substitution is given to every authority to whom the notice was given, and thereupon the said notice shall have effect as if the substituted vehicle had always been specified therein as the vehicle intended to draw the trailer.

(4) If, by virtue of Article 18, a vehicle is to be used on roads to carry a vehicle specified in either item 1 or item 2 in column 1 of Schedule 1, being the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the persons respectively specified opposite thereto in column 3 of that Schedule, the requirement specified in paragraph (2) above that before such use an indemnity and at least six clear days' notice or at least two clear days' notice, as the case may be, shall be given to the authorities specified in that paragraph shall not apply provided that before the vehicle is used on a road—

- (a) the notice and indemnity which are required by the provisions of paragraph (2) above are received by or posted to all the said authorities,
- (b) the owner of the carrying vehicle has consulted the Minister on the route proposed to be followed, and
- (c) the proper naval, military or air force authority has certified in writing that the journey is urgent and in the national interest.

(5) The provisions of this Article shall not apply to the use on roads of any vehicle which is the property of, or for the time being under the control of, the Secretary of State for Defence.

(6) In the case of a trunk road—

- (i) where by virtue of the provisions of section 10 of the Highways Act 1959, the functions of the Minister with respect to maintenance are exercised in England by the council of a county (including the Greater London Council) or of a London Borough or the functions of the Secretary of State with respect to maintenance are exercised in Wales by the council of a county or where, by virtue of the provisions of section 5 of the Trunk Roads Act 1936(a), as amended or modified by the Trunk Roads Act 1946(b), the functions of the Secretary of State with respect to maintenance and repair are exercised in Scotland by a regional council, or
- (ii) where by virtue of an agreement between, or having effect under paragraph 2 of Schedule 6 to the Transport Act 1962(c) as if between, the Secretary of State or, as the case may be, the Minister, and either the British Railways Board, the London Transport Executive, the British Transport Docks Board, or the British Waterways Board, the maintenance or, as the case may be, the maintenance and repair of that part are carried out by such Executive or by any such Board,

(a) 1936 c. 5 (1 Edw. 8 and 1 Geo. 6).

(b) 1946 c. 30.

(c) 1962 c. 46.

the notice and indemnity required to be given to the Minister by paragraph (2) of this Article shall be treated as given in accordance with that paragraph only if addressed to, or included in any notice and indemnity given to, such council, Executive or Board as the case may be.

(7) Any notice and indemnity in respect of any part of a trunk road required by the foregoing paragraph to be addressed to, or included in any notice and indemnity given to, the British Railways Board shall be addressed to, or included in a notice and indemnity given to, the Board at the Headquarters of the Regional Railways Board responsible for the part of the railway system which is affected by any such agreement as is mentioned in that paragraph by virtue of the agreement applying to that part of the trunk road.

Restriction on the passage over bridges of vehicles carrying abnormal indivisible loads

27. Where a motor vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 18 is so used or where a motor vehicle (whether or not its use is so authorised) is drawing a trailer or trailers the use of which is so authorised and an abnormal indivisible load is being carried by any such vehicle, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not cause or permit either that vehicle or, in the case of a combination of vehicles, any vehicle comprised in the combination—

- (a) to enter on any bridge whilst there is on that bridge any other vehicle which is either carrying an abnormal indivisible load or is being used to draw a trailer carrying such a load the presence of which is known to or could reasonably be ascertained by him, or
- (b) to remain stationary on any bridge except in circumstances beyond his control.

Breakdown on bridges of vehicles of excessive weight or carrying excessive loads

28.—(1) This Article applies where—

- (a) a vehicle (including an articulated vehicle) laden or unladen has a gross weight of more than 32,520 kilograms, and
- (b) the use on roads of a vehicle or of a trailer forming part of an articulated vehicle is authorised by Article 5(2), 6, 11, 15, 16, 18 or 19.

(2) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (3) below, where a vehicle or trailer is caused to stop for any reason while it is on a bridge, it shall, as soon as practicable, be moved clear of the bridge by appropriate action by the person in charge of the vehicle, without applying any concentrated load to the surface of that part of the road carried by the bridge.

(3) If the action described in paragraph (2) above is not practicable and it becomes necessary to apply any concentrated load to the said surface by means of jacks, rollers or other similar means, then the person in charge of the vehicle shall—

- (a) before any such load is applied to that surface, seek the advice of the bridge authority for that bridge about the use of spreader plates to reduce the possibility of any damage caused by the application of such a load, and
- (b) arrange that no such load shall be applied without using such spreader plates as the bridge authority may have advised.

Signed by authority of
the Minister of Transport
13th September 1979.

P. N. Gerosa,
An Under Secretary of the
Department of Transport.

SCHEDULE 1

(see Article 6)

SERVICE AND AVIATION VEHICLES

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed either for actual combative purposes or for naval, military or air force training in connection therewith or for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of, instruments of war, including guns and machine guns.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry, or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretaries of State or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
2. Track laying motor vehicles or track laying trailers constructed either for actual combative purposes or for use with, or for the carriage or drawing of, instruments of war, including guns and machine guns, ammunition, equipment or stores in connection therewith.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry, or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretaries of State, or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
3. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of tanks.	Construction and Use Regulations—All. Track Laying Regulations—All.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry, or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretaries of State, or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
4. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of searchlights or the necessary equipment therefor.	Construction and Use Regulation 12. Track Laying Regulation 7.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry, or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretaries of State, or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
5. Motor vehicles or trailers constructed for the carriage of aircraft or aircraft parts.	Construction and Use Regulations 9, 57, 58, 74 and 140. Track Laying Regulations 5, 30 and 75.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry, or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretaries of State, or any sub-contractor of such contractor.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
6. Motor tractors, heavy motor cars and trailers constructed for naval, military, air force or aviation purposes before 1st January 1949.	Construction and Use Regulations 53, 57, 58, 74, 75 and 76.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry.
7. Heavy motor cars or trailers constructed for use and used only in connection with flying operations where the additional width is made necessary by the design of the equipment or its installation on the vehicle.	Construction and Use Regulations 57 and 74.	The Secretary of State for Defence or the Secretary of State for Industry, or any contractor making such vehicles for the said Secretaries of State, or any sub-contractor of such contractor.
8. Aircraft drawn by motor vehicles.	Construction and Use Regulations 12, 73, 74, 75 and 76.	The Secretary of State for Defence.
9. Motor vehicles or trailers used for the carriage of generating equipment, being equipment used for naval, military or air force purposes.	Construction and Use Regulations 48, 73, 74, 82, 83, 86, 94 and 150.	The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

(see Articles 15, 16, 25 and 26)

Form of Notice to Police and to Highway and Bridge Authorities.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES)

GENERAL ORDER, 1979

(Subject to the prior agreement of each of the authorities to which this notice is sent, it may be used to give notice of additional journeys, different vehicles, routes and destinations.)

List of all Police Forces, Highway and Bridge Authorities to which this form is sent.	
Operator _____	Telephone No. _____
Address _____	Telex No. _____
_____	Operator's Licence No. _____
_____	Operator's Reference No. _____

In pursuance of Article(s) _____ of the above mentioned Order, I/we being the operator of the undermentioned vehicle(s) to which the Order applies, hereby give notice that it is my/our intention to use the said vehicle(s) on the roads specified below. The route and Department of Transport Classification numbers proposed to be used are:

PARTICULARS OF JOURNEY	FROM (full address)	TIME AND DATE	via _____		

PARTICULARS OF LOAD	LOAD PROFILE (rough sketch showing outline of laden vehicle from front or rear. This to be omitted if sent by telex).				
PARTICULARS OF VEHICLE	TO (full address)	TIME AND DATE	DESCRIPTION OF LOAD		
PARTICULARS OF VEHICLE	Registration No. of vehicle (or substitute)	Type of vehicle			
PARTICULARS OF VEHICLE	Overall length of vehicle	Projection — front	Projection — rear	Total length	
	Overall width	Maximum height	Gross weight or Gross train weight		
	No. of wheels per axle				
PARTICULARS OF VEHICLE	Axle weight				
	Axle spacing				

PART II

(see Articles 15, 16 and 26)

Form of Indemnity

I/We hereby agree to indemnify you and each and every highway or bridge authority responsible for the maintenance and repair of any road or bridge on the journey to which the above notice relates in respect of any damage which may be caused to any such road or bridge—

- (a) by [any of] the above mentioned vehicle[s]—
- (i) by reason of the construction of or weight transmitted to the road surface by [any of] the said vehicle[s], or
 - (ii) by reason of the dimensions, distribution or adjustment of the load carried by [any of] the said vehicle[s]; or
- (b) by any other vehicle by reason of the use of [any of] the above-mentioned vehicle[s] on the road or, as the case may be, the bridge except to the extent that the damage was caused or contributed to by the negligence of the driver of the other vehicle:

Provided that any claim in respect of damage so caused by any vehicle shall be made in writing within twelve months from the date on which the vehicle is last used on the journey to which the above notice relates, stating the occasion and place of the damage.

Date.....

Signed.....

Note:—Paragraph (a)(ii) above only applies where vehicles are carrying an abnormal indivisible load and in other cases should be omitted.

SCHEDULE 3

ORDERS REVOKED BY ARTICLE 2

Title	Year and Number
The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1973.	S.I. 1973/1101
The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 1974.	S.I. 1974/1779
The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 1976.	S.I. 1976/323

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

1. This Order authorises the use on roads, subject to certain conditions specified in the Order, of certain vehicles notwithstanding that they do not comply with all or some of the provisions of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1978 or the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Track Laying Vehicles) Regulations 1955. These vehicles are special, constructed for special purposes, for tests or trials or for use outside the United Kingdom, new or improved types, or vehicles equipped with new or improved equipment or which carry loads of exceptional dimensions.

2. The provisions of this Order are a consolidation, with drafting and minor amendments, of the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1973 and the other Orders specified in Schedule 3 (all of which are revoked by virtue of Article 2). The minor amendments include—

- (1) amending the provisions relating to abnormal indivisible loads so as to provide a higher threshold weight (Article 3(1));
- (2) amending the restrictions on the overall width of a laden trailer used as part of an articulated vehicle which has a laden weight not exceeding 50,000 kilograms (Article 18(2)(e));
- (3) reducing the extent of a rearward projection of apparatus which requires a marker (Article 23(1)(b));
- (4) replacing the form of Notice specified in Parts I and II of Schedule 2 to the 1973 Order by a form of Notice which is appropriate as to both the Police and to Highway and Bridge Authorities (Schedule 2, Part 1); and
- (5) adding Saturdays to the list of days which do not count for the purpose of periods of notice (Article 3(1)).

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