
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 1372

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits and
Speed Limits on Motorways) (Metrication) Regulations 1981**

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Coming into operation in accordance with Regulation 1

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 78(2) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967^(a) and now vested in him^(b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 107(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Variation of Speed Limits and Speed Limits on Motorways) (Metrication) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on the fifteenth day following the day they are approved by each House of Parliament.

2. The provisions of Schedule 5 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967^(c) and the Motor Vehicles (Speed Limits on Motorways) Regulations 1973^(d) shall be further varied in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

3. In the paragraphs of the said Schedule 5 specified in column (1) of Schedule 1 to these Regulations, for the words expressing imperial units of measurement specified in column (2) of that Schedule there shall be substituted the words expressing metric units of measurement specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

4. In paragraph 25 of the said Schedule 5 sub-paragraph (b) shall be deleted and the following sub-paragraph substituted in its place:—

“(b) the appropriate weights referred to in (a) above may be stated in imperial units in pounds or in metric units in kilograms, but the same units shall be employed for both the drawing vehicle and the trailer.”.

5. In the paragraphs of Schedule 1 to the Motor Vehicles (Speed Limits on Motorways) Regulations 1973, specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 to these Regulations, for the words expressing imperial units of measurement specified in column (2) of that Schedule there shall be substituted the words expressing metric units of measurement specified in column (3) of that Schedule.

23rd September 1981.

David Howell,
Secretary of State for Transport.

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) S.I. 1970/1981, 1979/571 and 1981/238.

(c) Schedule 5 was amended by S.I. 1973/747 and 1981/202.

(d) S.I. 1973/748.

Regulation 3

SCHEDULE 1

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 5 TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1967

(1) Paragraphs of Schedule 5	(2) Words expressing imperial units of measurement	(3) Words expressing metric units of measurement
1(1)	3 tons	3050 kilograms
1(2)	30 hundredweight	1525 kilograms
1(3)	3 tons	3050 kilograms
1(4)	30 hundredweight	1525 kilograms
1(5)(a)	3 tons	3050 kilograms
2(1)	30 hundredweight	1525 kilograms
2(2)(a)	30 hundredweight	1525 kilograms
2(2)(c)	30 hundredweight	1525 kilograms
2(2)(c)(i)	5 hundredweight	254 kilograms
2(2)(c)(ii)	15 hundredweight	760 kilograms
2(4)	1 ton	1020 kilograms
14(1)	2 tons	2040 kilograms
14(2)(b)(ii)	2 square feet	1850 square centimetres
	120 square inches	770 square centimetres
20(c)	4½ tons	4580 kilograms
	9 tons	9150 kilograms
20(c)(i)	14 tons	14230 kilograms
20(c)(ii)	20 tons	20330 kilograms
20(c)(iii)	24 tons	24390 kilograms
20(d)	11 tons	11180 kilograms
20(e)	22 tons	22360 kilograms
	32 tons	32520 kilograms
21	2 hundredweight	102 kilograms
23	60 degrees Fahrenheit	17.5 degrees Celsius
	30 inches of mercury	1.013 bar

Regulation 5

SCHEDULE 2

AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULE 1 TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES (SPEED LIMITS ON
MOTORWAYS) REGULATIONS 1973

(1) Paragraphs of Schedule 1	(2) Words expressing imperial units of measurement	(3) Words expressing metric units of measurement
1	3 tons	3050 kilograms
3	30 hundredweight	1525 kilograms

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations metricate the imperial units of measurement in Schedule 5 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 and the Motor Vehicles (Speed Limits on Motorways) Regulations 1973. The metrication fulfils, as regards those measurements, obligations arising from Council Directive 80/181/EEC of 20th December 1979 (O.J. L39, page 40) on the approximation of laws of Member States relating to units of measurement.

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