

1981 No. 1693

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing)
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1981**

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Coming into Operation 31st December 1981

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 45(1) and (6) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(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 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 31st December 1981 and may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1981.

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1971(c) shall be further amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. In Regulation 60 (certificates of temporary exemption), in paragraph (3), in sub-paragraph (d), for the words “one year” substitute the words “three months”.

4. In Schedule 2 (Classes of vehicle to which Regulations do not apply)—

(a) for item 1 substitute the following item:—

“1. Dual-purpose vehicles.”;

(b) for item 14 substitute the following item:—

“14. Living vans the unladen weight of which does not exceed 1525 kilograms.”; and

(c) after the definition of “engineering plant” insert the following new definition:—

““living van” means a vehicle whether mechanically propelled or not which is used primarily as living accommodation by one or more persons, and which is also used for the carriage of goods or burden which are not needed by such one or more persons for the purpose of their residence in the vehicle;”.

(a) 1972 c. 20; section 45 of which Act has been amended by the Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) Regulations 1981 (S.I. 1981/1692).

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

(c) S.I. 1971/352; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1971/2024 and 1974/99.

5. In Schedule 3 (the prescribed construction and use requirements),

(a) In Part I, after Section V add the following new Sections:—

“SECTION VI

The requirements contained in Regulations 5, 6 and 7 of the Road Vehicles (Rear Fog Lamps) Regulations 1978(a).

SECTION VII

The requirements, insofar as they relate to the installation of recording equipment in Article 3, and the seals to be affixed to such equipment in Article 15 and paragraph 4 of Section V of Annex 1 of the Community Recording Equipment Regulation (as defined in section 82 of the 1972 Act)”; and

(b) in Part II, after Section V add the following new section:—

“SECTION VI

The requirements contained in Regulations 5, 6 and 7 of the Road Vehicles (Rear Fog Lamps) Regulations 1978.”.

David Howell,

25th November 1981.

Secretary of State for Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1971 as follows:—

- (a)* the prescribed requirements which have to be satisfied by certain motor vehicles are extended to include the requirements as to the installation of tachographs and their seals;
- (b)* the prescribed requirements which have to be satisfied by certain motor vehicles and by certain trailers are extended to include requirements as to rear fog lamps;
- (c)* the period during which a certificate of temporary exemption may last is decreased from 1 year to 3 months; and
- (d)* the exemption as to certain classes of vehicles are slightly amended so as to extend to all dual-purpose vehicles (which will all now be subject to the testing requirements imposed by virtue of sections 43 and 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1972), to confine the exemption for living vans to those with an unladen weight which does not exceed 1525 kilograms, and to include a definition of the expression “living van”.

(a) S.I. 1978/1260, as amended by S.I. 1979/1145.

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