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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 1796**

**The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989**

**PART II**

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE FITTING OF LAMPS,  
REFLECTORS, REAR MARKINGS AND DEVICES**

**Movement of lamps and reflectors**

**12.**—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2), no person shall use, or cause or permit to be used, on a road any vehicle to which, or to any load or equipment of which, there is fitted a lamp, reflector or marking which is capable of being moved by swivelling, deflecting or otherwise while the vehicle is in motion.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply in respect of—

- (a) a headlamp which can be dipped only by the movement of the headlamp or its reflector;
- (b) a headlamp which is capable of adjustment so as to compensate for the effect of the load carried by the vehicle;
- (c) a lamp or reflector which can be deflected to the side by the movement of, although not necessarily through the same angle as, the front wheel or wheels of the vehicle when turned for the purpose of steering the vehicle;
- (d) a headlamp or front fog lamp which can be wholly or partially retracted or concealed;
- (e) a direction indicator fitted to a motor vehicle first used before 1st April 1986;
- (f) a work lamp;
- (g) a warning beacon;
- (h) an amber pedal retro reflector; <sup>F1</sup>...
- (i) retro reflective material or a retro reflector of any colour which is fitted so as to reflect light primarily to one or both sides of the vehicle and is attached to or incorporated in any wheel or tyre of—
  - [<sup>F2</sup>(i) a pedal cycle;
  - (ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle;
  - (iii) a solo motor bicycle or motor bicycle combination, or
  - (iv) an invalid carriage;]
- [<sup>F3</sup>(j) a lamp which is designed to emit light primarily to one or both sides of the vehicle, and is attached to or incorporated in any wheel or tyre of—
  - (i) a pedal cycle;
  - (ii) a trailer drawn by, or a sidecar attached to, a pedal cycle; or
- (k) a lamp attached to or incorporated in a pedal of a pedal cycle.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Word in reg. 12(2)(h) omitted (21.10.2005) by virtue of [The Road Vehicles Lighting \(Amendment\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2559\)](#), regs. 1, **5(a)**
- F2** Reg. 12(2)(i)(i)-(iv) substituted for reg. 12(2)(i)(i)-(iii) (21.10.2005) by [The Road Vehicles Lighting \(Amendment\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2559\)](#), regs. 1, **5(b)**
- F3** Reg. 12(2)(j)(k) added (21.10.2005) by [The Road Vehicles Lighting \(Amendment\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2559\)](#), regs. 1, **5(c)**

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** [Reg. 12](#) in force at 1.11.1989, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989, Section 12.