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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England and Wales) Regulations 1986 ("the 1986 Regulations") which concern certain orders made by local authorities under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 applying in England and Wales generally but not in certain parts of central London. Of relevance to these regulations are the provisions of the 1986 Regulations which require certain orders to include an exemption from waiting prohibitions in certain circumstances for vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge issued under section 21 of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970. The amendments made by these Regulations are as follows.

1. They provide that the requirement to include an exemption from orders prohibiting the waiting of vehicles in a road ("no waiting orders") does not apply to orders which prohibit the waiting of vehicles of all classes other than disabled person's vehicles.

2. The exemption from orders which prohibit waiting in a road (except for loading or unloading) is amended so that—

- (a) it does not apply to orders which impose cycle lanes; and
- (b) vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge may wait for up to 3 hours, as opposed to 2 hours previously.

3. In the 1986 Regulations (before they were amended by these Regulations) orange parking discs issued by a local which were capable of showing the quarter hour period during which a period of waiting begins and which complied with a 1970 British Standard had to be displayed with a badge for a total exemption from orders imposing prohibitions on waiting in a road (except for loading or unloading) for up to 2 hours or for a 2 hour exemption from such orders lasting longer than 2 hours to apply. In these Regulations the requirement for the disc to comply with the 1970 British Standard specification is omitted. The other requirements relating to the disc are unamended but in addition the disc must be 125 mm. square.

4. The exemption from orders prohibiting the waiting of vehicles in a street parking place ("street parking place orders") was largely duplicated by the exemption from no waiting orders. Orders under section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (orders as to the use parking places) however were not covered by the exemption from no waiting orders. These Regulations provide that section 35 orders are so covered and accordingly the exemption from street parking place orders is omitted.

5. The definition of the relevant position for the display of a badge is amended to take account of the new form of badge prescribed by the Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/2708) to be issued on or after 2nd March 1992. A definition of the relevant position for the display of a parking disc is also given.