
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Motor Vehicle Tyres (Safety) Regulations 1994

PART III

EXEMPTIONS

Interpretation of Part III

8.—(1) For the purposes of this Part of these Regulations, an exempt tyre is a tyre which falls within any of the descriptions set out below—

- (a) a bias-belted tyre or a diagonal-ply tyre, being a tyre designed for fitting to a wheel of a motor vehicle or trailer manufactured before 1st January 1949;
- (b) a tyre constructed solely for use off roads and bearing words or letters which indicate that use and which were moulded on to or into the tyre at the time of manufacture;
- (c) a tyre constructed solely for use on vehicles in competitions and bearing words or letters which indicate that use and which were moulded on to or into the tyre at the time of manufacture;
- (d) a tyre bearing one of the following tyre-size designations namely: 185R16, 125R400, 135R400, 145R400, 155R400, 165R400, 175R400 or 185R400, being a mark that was moulded on to or into the tyre at the time of manufacture;
- (e) a tyre designed primarily for fitting to a wheel of a vehicle manufactured before 1st January 1933.

(2) For the purposes of this Part of these Regulations, a tyre is supplied in exempt circumstances if—

- (a) the tyre is constructed solely for use on a vehicle for the purposes of tests or trials of the tyre, and
- (b) the supply is other than in the course of a retail trade or business,

or if the supply of the tyre is by a person who reasonably believes that the tyre will not be used in the United Kingdom.

Exemptions applicable to the supply of new tyres and retreaded tyres

9. Regulations 4, 5 and 6 do not apply to the supply of an exempt tyre or to the supply of a tyre in exempt circumstances.

Exemptions applicable to the supply of part-worn tyres

10.—(1) Where a complete vehicle is supplied by any person, regulation 7 does not apply to any tyre on a wheel of the vehicle or on any spare wheel supplied with the vehicle.

(2) Regulation 7(6) to (9) does not apply to the supply of an exempt tyre or to the supply of a tyre in exempt circumstances.

- (3) Regulation 7(11) does not apply to—
- (a) a tyre designed primarily for fitting to a wheel of a vehicle manufactured before 1st January 1933;
 - (b) a tyre of the limited run-flat type, or
 - (c) a tyre designed primarily for fitting to a wheel of an agricultural motor vehicle, agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance.

Transitional exemptions

11.—(1) Until 1st January 1997 regulations 4 and 6 shall not apply to the supply of a tyre constructed so as to be suitable for a vehicle travelling at a speed exceeding 210 km per hour and bearing the appropriate tyre-size designation and (in the vicinity of the tyre-size designation) the letters “VR” or “ZR”, both being marks that were moulded on to or into the tyre at the time of manufacture.

(2) Until 1st January 1997 these Regulations shall not apply to the supply of a bias-belted tyre or a diagonal-ply tyre.

(3) Until 1st December 1995 regulation 6(3) shall not apply to the supply of a tyre which is marked in accordance with paragraph 10 of BS AU 144b: 1977, with paragraph 6 of BS AU 144c: 1988 or with paragraph 6 of BS AU 144d: 1988.