
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 3051

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use)
(Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1995**

Made - - - - - *27th November 1995*
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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41(1), (2) and (5) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Commencement and citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1995 and shall come into force on 1st January 1996.

Preliminary

2. The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(2) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

Amendments to regulation 3 (interpretation)

3. In the Table in regulation 3(2), in the meaning specified in column 2 for the expression “overall width” specified in column 1—

- (a) the word “or” immediately following paragraph (1) shall be omitted; and
- (b) after paragraph (m) there shall be added the following—

“; or

- (n) any apparatus fitted to a bus which enables it to be guided wholly or mainly by means of wheels bearing outwards against fixed apparatus, provided that no part

(1) 1988 c. 52. There are amendments to section 41 which are not relevant to this instrument.
(2) S.I.1986/1078. The relevant amending instruments are S.I.1988/1871 and 1991/2125.

of the apparatus projects more than 75mm beyond the side of the bus when the wheels of the bus are parallel to its longitudinal axis;

and the reference in paragraph (n) above to the side of a bus is a reference to the longitudinal plane passing through the extreme lateral projecting points of the vehicle inclusive of all parts of the vehicle, of any receptacle which is of permanent character and accordingly strong enough for repeated use, and any fitting on, or attached to, the vehicle except those items referred to in paragraphs (a) to (n).”.

Amendments relating to width

4.—(1) Regulation 8 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In the Table in paragraph (1), for “2.5” in column 3 of items 3, 4, 5 and 6 there shall be substituted “2.55”.

(3) In paragraph (3), for “2.5” there shall be substituted “2.55”.

5. In regulation 82(11)(a), for “2.5” there shall be substituted “2.55”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

27th November 1995

Steven Norris
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.

With the exception of a locomotive (not being an agricultural motor vehicle) and a refrigerated vehicle, each of which is already subject to a maximum overall width of 2.75 and 2.6 metres respectively, the maximum overall width of any other motor vehicle is increased from 2.5 metres to 2.55 metres.

The same increase in maximum overall width also applies in the case of—

- (i) a trailer drawn by a motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight exceeding 3500 kg;
- (ii) an agricultural trailer;
- (iii) an agricultural trailed appliance;
- (iv) an off-set combination of an agricultural motor vehicle drawing a wheeled trailer; and
- (v) an agricultural, horticultural or forestry implement mounted rigidly but not permanently on a wheeled agricultural motor vehicle, agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance.

The definition of “overall width” in the Table in regulation 3(2) of the 1986 Regulations is amended so that in calculating the overall width of a vehicle, any guide-wheels fitted to a bus can be disregarded provided that they do not project more than 75 mm beyond the side of the bus.