
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 561

The Road Vehicles (Display of
Registration Marks) Regulations 2001

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force—

- (a) for the purposes of this paragraph and regulation 17, on 21st March 2001, and
 - (b) for all other purposes, on 1st September 2001.
- (2) The regulations specified in Schedule 1 are hereby revoked.

Interpretation: general

2.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the following meanings—

“the Act” means the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994;

[^{F1}“agricultural machine” means a vehicle which is an agricultural tractor, an off-road tractor, a light agricultural vehicle, an agricultural engine or a mowing machine;]

[^{F2}“agricultural tractor” means a tractor used on public roads solely for—

- (a) purposes relating to agriculture, horticulture or forestry,
- (b) cutting verges bordering public roads, or
- (c) cutting hedges or trees bordering public roads or bordering verges which border public roads;]

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[^{F4}“EEA State” has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978]

[^{F5}“light agricultural vehicle” means a vehicle which—

- (a) has a revenue weight not exceeding 1,000 kilograms,
- (b) is designed and constructed so as to seat only the driver,
- (c) is designed and constructed primarily for use otherwise than on roads, and
- (d) is used solely for purposes relating to agriculture, horticulture or forestry;]

“motor cycle” means a vehicle having 2 wheels and includes a vehicle of that description in combination with a sidecar;

“motor tricycle” means a vehicle having 3 wheels symmetrically arranged;

[^{F6}“off-road tractor” means a tractor which is not an agricultural tractor and which—

- (a) is designed and constructed primarily for use otherwise than on roads, and
- (b) is incapable by reason of its construction of exceeding a speed of twenty five miles per hour on the level under its own power;]

“quadricycle” means a vehicle having four wheels, a maximum net engine power not exceeding 15 kilowatts and an unladen mass (excluding the mass of batteries in the case of an electrically-powered vehicle) not exceeding—

- (a) 550 kilograms in the case of a goods vehicle, and
- (b) 400 kilograms in any other case;

“registration plate” means a plate or other device displaying the registration mark of the vehicle [^{F7}, but does not include such part of a plate or device as is intended for the display of material specified in regulation [^{F8}16(3), (4), (4A), (4B) and (4D)];]

“prescribed font” means the style shown in Schedule 4 for a character of the height specified in that Schedule;

“relevant date” means—

- (a) in Great Britain, 1st October 1938, and
- (b) in Northern Ireland, 1st January 1948;

“works truck” means a vehicle which is—

- (a) designed for use in private premises, and
- (b) used on public roads only—
 - (i) for carrying goods between private premises and a vehicle on a road in the immediate vicinity, or
 - (ii) in passing from one part of private premises to another or between private premises and other private premises in the immediate vicinity, or
 - (iii) in connection with road works at or in the immediate vicinity of the site of the works.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference in these Regulations to—

- (a) a registration plate fixed or to be fixed to a vehicle, or
- (b) a registration mark displayed or to be displayed on a plate,

is to be construed, where the vehicle is towing a trailer, so as to include a reference to the registration plate which is required under these Regulations to be fixed to the trailer or a reference to the mark displayed on the plate fixed to that trailer.

F1	Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.12.2018) by The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1295) , regs. 1(3), 3(2)(a)
F2	Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (28.12.2018) by The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1295) , regs. 1(3), 3(2)(b)
F3	Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (27.4.2009) by virtue of The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/811) , regs. 1, 3(a)
F4	Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.12.2018) by The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1295) , regs. 1(3), 3(2)(c)
F5	Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (28.12.2018) by The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1295) , regs. 1(3), 3(2)(d)
F6	Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (28.12.2018) by The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1295) , regs. 1(3), 3(2)(e)

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| <p>F7 Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (27.4.2009) by The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/811), regs. 1, 3(b)</p> <p>F8 Words in reg. 2 substituted (8.12.2020) by The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1276), regs. 1, 3</p> |
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Exempt vehicles

- 3.** Nothing in these Regulations applies to—
- (a) an invalid vehicle, that is a vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 254 kilograms and which is specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, for the use of a person suffering from a physical disability and solely used by that person; or
 - (b) a pedestrian-controlled vehicle, that is a vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 450 kilograms which is neither constructed nor adapted for the carriage of a driver or passenger.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001, PART I.