
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of
Special Types) (General) Order 2003**

PART 4

OTHER SPECIAL VEHICLES REQUIRING NOTIFICATIONS OR ATTENDANTS

Straddle carriers

Straddle carriers: recognised category

45. Straddle carriers are a recognised category of special vehicles.

Straddle carriers: authorisation requirements

46. The authorisation requirements for straddle carriers are—

- (a) the requirements specified in article 47;
- (b) the Construction and Use Regulations apart from—
 - (i) regulation 7 (length);
 - (ii) regulation 8 (width);
 - (iii) regulation 11 (overhang);
 - (iv) regulation 16(4) (braking systems);
 - (v) regulation 18(1A) to (9) (braking; maintenance and efficiency)(1);
 - (vi) regulation 22 (springs and resilient material);
 - (vii) regulation 66 (plates);
- (c) the Authorised Weight Regulations; and
- (d) the Lighting Regulations.

Straddle carriers: restrictions on use, speed and width

47.—(1) A straddle carrier may only be used—

- (a) for demonstration;
- (b) for delivery on sale;
- (c) for proceeding to, or returning from, a manufacturer or repairer for construction, repair or overhaul; or

(1) Paragraph (1A) of regulation 18 was inserted by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1990 (S.I. 1990/1981).

- (d) if paragraph (2) applies to it, for proceeding between different parts of the same private premises or between private premises in the immediate neighbourhood.
- (2) This paragraph applies to a straddle carrier—
 - (a) that does not comply with regulation 11 of the Construction and Use Regulations (overhang); but
 - (b) that does comply with regulations 8 (width) and 22 (springs and resilient material) of those Regulations.
- (3) Nothing in this Order is to be taken to authorise use on roads beyond a radius of three miles drawn around the outermost perimeter of any work site on private premises.
- (4) A straddle carrier must not carry any load.
- (5) But a straddle carrier—
 - (a) may carry its own necessary gear and equipment; and
 - (b) may be laden in the course of any journey permitted under paragraph (1)(d).
- (6) A straddle carrier must not travel at speeds exceeding 12 miles per hour.
- (7) The overall width of a straddle carrier must not exceed 3 metres.

Straddle carriers: requirements as to length

- 48.**—(1) This article applies to a straddle carrier where its overall length, together with any forward or rearward projection of a load to be carried on it exceeds 9.2 metres.
- (2) The user of the straddle carrier must—
 - (a) before the start of any journey, notify in accordance with Schedule 5 the chief officer of police for each area in which the vehicle or vehicle-combination is to be used; and
 - (b) ensure that the vehicle is used in accordance with the requirements of that Schedule.