

SCHEDULE 5

Article 12(1), 13(2), 17(3), 23(2), 24(4),
31(3), 34(3), 38(2), 39(2), and 48(2)

NOTICES TO POLICE

Defined term

1. In this Schedule “single rigid unit”, in relation to a Part 2 vehicle-combination, has the meaning given in article 12(4).

Notices

2.—(1) A notice must be given to the chief officer of police for each area in which the vehicle or vehicle-combination is to be used.

(2) A notice under article 23(2)(a), 24(4)(a) or 48(2)(a) must be given so that it is received by the chief officer of police before the beginning of the period of 24 hours that ends immediately before the date of use.

(3) In any other case, the notice must be given so that it is received by the chief officer of police before the beginning of the period of two days which ends immediately before the date of use.

(4) The chief officer of police for any area may accept a shorter period of notice in any case.

(5) “Date of use”, in relation to any vehicle or vehicle-combination to which a notice relates, means the date on which the use on roads of the vehicle or vehicle-combination is to begin.

3. The notice must be in a form acceptable to the recipient and should be agreed by both parties.

4.—(1) The notice⁽¹⁾ must contain—

(a) a list of all police forces to which notice is given;

(b) details of the user of the vehicle or vehicle-combination, stating—

address,

telephone number,

fax number,

email address (if any),

user’s licence number,

user’s reference number;

(c) details of the intended use of the vehicle or vehicle-combination, stating—

point of departure,

point of destination,

time, date and route of journey,

particulars of any load (including description and profile of load);

(d) details of the vehicle or vehicle-combination used, stating—

registration number of any motor vehicle,

type of vehicle or vehicles,

overall length of the vehicle or vehicle-combination (including length of any front and rear projection),

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overall length of each single rigid unit included in a Part 2 vehicle-combination (including length of any front and rear projection),
overall width (including width of any lateral projection),
maximum height,
gross weight or gross train weight,
number of wheels per axle,
all axle weights,
all axle spacings.

(2) The chief officer of police for any area may accept fewer details in any case.

Use of vehicle in accordance with notice

5. Except as stated in paragraph 6 or 7, the vehicle or vehicle-combination must be used in accordance with the details given under paragraph 4.

6. Paragraph 5 does not apply to the extent required to comply with—

- (a) any directions, in relation to the time, date or route of the journey, that are given to the user of the vehicle or vehicle-combination by the chief officer of police; and
- (b) any directions to halt the vehicle in a place on, or adjacent to, the road on which the vehicle is travelling which are given to the driver by a police constable either—
 - (i) in the interests of road safety; or
 - (ii) in order to avoid undue traffic congestion.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies in relation to the use on roads of a Part 2 vehicle-combination that includes an abnormal indivisible load vehicle that is a trailer.

(2) Where it is found impracticable to use any vehicle specified in a notice given under this Part, a vehicle of a similar type may be substituted if notice of the substitution is given to every person to whom the earlier notice was given.