
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 977

**The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences)
(Amendment) Regulations 2012**

Citation, commencement, interpretation and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2012.

(2) Regulations 2 and 4 come into force on 19th January 2013 but all the other regulations on 20th April 2012.

(3) In these Regulations, “the principal Regulations” means the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999(1).

(4) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Amendment of the Road Traffic Act 1988

2. Schedule 1 (amendment of the Road Traffic Act 1988) has effect.

Amendment of the Road Safety Act 2006

3. Schedule 2 (amendment of the Road Safety Act 2006)(2) has effect.

Amendment of the principal Regulations generally

4. Schedule 3 (amendment of the principal Regulations) has effect.

Review

5.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—

- (a) carry out a review of these Regulations,
- (b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report, and
- (c) publish the report.

(2) In carrying out the review the Secretary of State must, so far as is reasonable, have regard to how Directive [2006/126/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on driving licences(3) (which is implemented by means of regulations 2 to 4) is implemented in other member States.

(3) The report must in particular—

- (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory system established by those regulations and the enactments amended by those regulations,

(1) [S.I. 1999/2864](#); relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2001/53](#) and [236](#), [2003/166](#), [222](#), [2003](#) and [2213](#), [2004/3028](#), [2006/524](#), [2007/605](#), [2008/508](#), [1435](#), [2009/788](#), [2010/1203](#), [2011/2516](#).

(2) [2006 c.49](#): at the date of these Regulations being made, Schedule 3 is yet to be commenced.

(3) [OJ L 51](#), 22.6.2006, p.17.

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- (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved, and
 - (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved with a system that imposes less regulation.
- (4) The first report under this regulation must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning on 19th January 2013.
- (5) Reports under this regulation are afterwards to be published at intervals not exceeding five years.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

27th March 2012

Mike Penning
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

We approve the making of these Regulations

27th March 2012

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