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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983 which prescribe the class of electrically assisted pedal cycles treated as not being a motor vehicle within the meaning of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The amendments made by these Regulations change the prescribed class of electrically assisted pedal cycles in order to:

- permit such vehicles to have more than three wheels;
- remove any weight limits applicable to such vehicles;
- update the reference to the maximum “continuous rated output” to refer to “maximum continuous rated power” with the same meaning as in Regulation (EU) No 168/2013 (OJNo. L60, 2.3.2013, p.52) and enable “maximum continuous rated power” to be determined in a manner equivalent to that prescribed in the Regulation; and
- increase the maximum permitted power of the electric motor in electrically assisted bicycles.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the International Vehicle Standards Division of the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). A copy of the impact assessment has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

These Regulations were notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive [98/34/EC](#) (OJ No L204 21.7.1998, p.37) as amended by Directive [98/48/EC](#) (OJ No L217 5.8.1998, p.18).