
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks)
(Amendment) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

Amendment of the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001

7. In Schedule 2 (requirements for registration plates), before Part 1, insert a new Part A1 as follows—

“PART A1

**VEHICLES REGISTERED AND NEW REGISTRATION PLATES FITTED
ON OR AFTER 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 (MANDATORY SPECIFICATION)**

1. The plate must be made of retroreflecting material which, as regards its construction, colour and other qualities, complies with the requirements of—

- (a) the British Standard specification for retroreflecting number plates published on 28th February 2018 under number BS AU 145e(1), or
- (b) any other relevant standard or specification recognised for use in an EEA State and which, when in use, offers a performance equivalent to that offered by a plate complying with the British Standard specification,

and which in either case, is marked with the number (or such other information as is necessary to permit identification) of that standard or specification.

2. Where the registration mark is displayed on the front of the vehicle, it must have black characters on a white background.

3. Where the registration mark is displayed on the back of a vehicle, it must have black characters on a yellow background.

4. Subject to the paragraphs below, other than the registration mark, no additional markings may be displayed on a registration plate.

5. Each plate must display below the registration mark additional markings showing—
- (a) the number of the British standard or other relevant standard or specification as referred to in paragraph 1;
 - (b) the name of the supplier or manufacturer of the parts used to assemble the registration plate; and
 - (c) the name and postcode of the supplying outlet of the assembled registration plate displaying the registration mark.

6. The markings required under paragraph 5 must be—

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- (a) permanently marked;
 - (b) non-retroreflecting;
 - (c) of a single shade of non-retroreflecting colour; and
 - (d) no more than 10 millimetres in height and no less than 3 millimetres in height.
7. The space between the bottom of the registration mark and any other markings must not be less than 7 millimetres.
8. A border may be displayed on a registration plate where the border is—
- (a) permanently marked;
 - (b) non-retroreflecting;
 - (c) of a single shade of non-retroreflecting colour without any design, pattern or texture;
 - (d) positioned no closer than 10 millimetres from the edge of any character of the registration mark;
 - (e) not positioned above any other markings; and
 - (f) no more than 5 millimetres in width.”.