
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2020

PART 4

Conditions for licensing or entry into service of vehicles

CHAPTER 2

Conditions relating to trailers

Consent to supply of large trailers for use on a road

23.—(1) A final supplier who intends to supply for use on a road a large trailer which is a relevant vehicle must first—

- (a) notify the approval authority of that intention,
- (b) furnish the approval authority with pertinent information about the trailer, and
- (c) obtain the consent of the approval authority to the supply of the trailer for such use.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if the trailer has previously been supplied by a final supplier for use on a road.

(3) The approval authority must give consent for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c) if—

- (a) the principal conditions are satisfied, or
- (b) when the alternative conditions apply, those conditions are satisfied.

(4) The “principal conditions” are that—

- (a) an appropriate approval or certificate of conformity has effect with respect to the trailer,
- (b) where the application for consent is in consequence of the importation of the trailer from a place outside the United Kingdom, any value added tax or customs duty charged on or arising from its removal into the United Kingdom has been paid or remitted (or the approval authority is satisfied that it will be paid or remitted), and
- (c) there is otherwise no lawful reason (whether or not arising from a breach of these Regulations) for refusing to give consent.

(5) Schedule 3—

- (a) states when the alternative conditions apply, and
- (b) prescribes those conditions.

(6) Before giving consent for the purposes of paragraph (1)(c), the approval authority may—

- (a) undertake an inspection of the trailer (or arrange for such an inspection to be undertaken), and
- (b) carry out such tests on the trailer as the authority thinks fit (or arrange for such tests to be carried out).

(7) Where the approval authority refuses to give consent under this regulation, the refusal must be accompanied by notice of that fact.

(8) In this regulation—

“appropriate approval or certificate of conformity” means any of the following which is appropriate to the vehicle and issued pursuant to the Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2009 or these Regulations—

- (a) an EU certificate of conformity;
- (b) a national small series certificate of conformity;
- (c) an individual approval certificate;

“relevant vehicle” means trailers of category O to which the Type Approval Regulation applies⁽¹⁾.

Records of large trailers

24. For a period of not less than 10 years from the date of the consent, the approval authority must keep a record of—

- (a) every consent given under regulation 23(3), and
- (b) the pertinent information about the large trailer in respect of which that consent is given.

Records of small trailers

25.—(1) A final supplier who—

- (a) has supplied a small trailer for use on a road, or
- (b) puts such a trailer into service on a road for personal use (as the end-user),

must, as soon as reasonably possible after making that supply or putting the trailer into service, make a record of pertinent information about the trailer.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if—

- (a) the trailer has previously been used on a road, or
- (b) it was manufactured more than 10 years before the date when it is first used on a road.

(3) The final supplier must keep, or ensure that there is kept, in a secure manner every record of pertinent information made under paragraph (1) for a period of not less than 10 years from the date on which that supplier supplies the trailer for use, or puts it into service, on a road.

(1) See Article 2 of that Regulation.