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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 818**

**The Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2020**

**PART 4**

Conditions for licensing or entry into service of vehicles

CHAPTER 1

Conditions relating to motor vehicles

**Interoperability for car radio receivers**

**22.**—(1) A person commits an offence if a motor vehicle of category M—

- (a) is made available for sale or rent by that person for the first time on or after 21st December 2020, and
- (b) that motor vehicle is fitted with an integrated car radio receiver which is not permitted.

(2) An integrated car radio receiver is not permitted unless it comprises a receiver capable of receiving and reproducing at least radio services provided via digital terrestrial radio broadcasting.

(3) A car radio receiver which is in accordance with harmonised standards is to be taken to comply with the requirement of paragraph (2).

(4) In this regulation—

“car radio receiver” means any apparatus installed in a motor vehicle for the purpose of receiving (whether by means of wireless telegraphy or otherwise) and reproducing any radio service, whether or not the apparatus is installed for any other purpose;

“harmonised standards” means any harmonised standards or parts thereof relating to whether a car radio receiver is capable of receiving and reproducing at least radio services provided via digital terrestrial radio broadcasting, the references of which have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union;

“made available” means any supply for distribution, consumption or use on the market in an EEA State in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge;

“radio service” means any of—

- (a) a sound broadcasting service, as defined in section 126 of the Broadcasting Act 1990<sup>(1)</sup>;
- (b) a digital sound programme service or radio multiplex service, as defined in section 40 of the Broadcasting Act 1996<sup>(2)</sup>;
- (c) the equivalent of the services in paragraphs (a) or (b) in another EEA State.

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(1) 1990 c.42.

(2) 1996 c.55.