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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 677**

**HIGHWAYS**

**The Strategic Highways Company (Name Change and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023**

*Made* - - - - 20th June 2023

*Coming into force* - - 12th July 2023

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and (2) and 19 of the Infrastructure Act 2015<sup>(1)</sup>.

In accordance with section 55(4) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Strategic Highways Company (Name Change and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2023 and come into force on the twenty-second day after the day on which they are made.

(2) An amendment made by these Regulations has the same extent as the provision amended.

**Amendment of the Appointment of a Strategic Highways Company Order 2015**

2.—(1) The Appointment of a Strategic Highways Company Order 2015<sup>(2)</sup> is amended as follows.

(2) In article 2 (appointment of a strategic highways company), in paragraph (1), for “Highways England Company” substitute “National Highways”.

**Consequential amendments**

3. The enactments specified in the Schedule are amended in accordance with the Schedule.

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(1) 2015 c. 7.  
(2) S.I. 2015/376.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th June 2023

*Richard Holden*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

## SCHEDULE

Regulation 3

### Consequential amendments

#### PART 1

##### Amendments of primary legislation

###### **The Local Transport Act 2008**

1.—(1) The Local Transport Act 2008(3) is amended as follows.

(2) In section 102I(7)(h) (transport strategy of an STB)(4), for “Highways England Company Limited” substitute “a strategic highways company appointed under section 1 of the Infrastructure Act 2015”.

###### **The Equality Act 2010**

2.—(1) The Equality Act 2010(5) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part 1 of Schedule 19 (public authorities: general), under the heading “Transport”, for “Highways England Company Limited” substitute “A strategic highways company appointed under section 1 of the Infrastructure Act 2015”.

#### PART 2

##### Amendments of secondary legislation

###### **The Infrastructure Act 2015 (Strategic Highways Companies) (Consequential, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations 2015**

3.—(1) The Infrastructure Act 2015 (Strategic Highways Companies) (Consequential, Transitional and Savings Provisions) Regulations 2015(6) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 2 (interpretation), in the definition of “the company”, for “Highways England Company” substitute “National Highways”.

###### **The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017**

4.—(1) The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017(7) are amended as follows.

(2) In Schedule 2 (public authorities required to publish information), under the heading “Transport”, for “Highways England Company Limited” substitute “A strategic highways company appointed under section 1 of the Infrastructure Act 2015”.

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(3) 2008 c. 26.

(4) Section 102I was inserted into the Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26) by section 21 (sub-national transport bodies) of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1).

(5) 2010 c. 15.

(6) S.I. 2015/377.

(7) S.I. 2017/353, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Appointment of a Strategic Highways Company Order 2015 ([S.I. 2015/376](#)) (“the 2015 Order”) to reflect the fact that Highways England Company Limited (appointed by the 2015 Order as the strategic highways company for England) has changed its company name to National Highways Limited (see regulation 2). The amendments in the Schedule are consequential on the change to the 2015 Order.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside this instrument on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).