

*These notes refer to the Deregulation Act 2015 (c.20)
which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015*

DEREGULATION ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 23: Legislation no longer of practical use

Part 4: Transport

Road Traffic Act 1988

929. *Paragraph 22(1)* repeals section 64A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. This repeal removes the offence of using an unregistered tractor or motor cycle on a public road without a valid EC Certificate of Conformity. The tractors and motor cycles covered by this offence are those that are subject to European legislation governing their construction. An EC Certificate of Conformity is a declaration by a manufacturer that the vehicle complies with the requirements of the approval (known as “type approval”) granted under that European legislation.
930. This repeal removes an offence which is covered by other legislation. Specifically, section 29 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 makes it an offence to use an unlicensed vehicle of any type on public roads, including vehicles that have not been registered for the first time. In addition, other legislation (the Tractor etc (EC Type-Approval) Regulations 2005 and the Motor Cycles Etc. (EC Type Approval) Regulations 1999) makes it a requirement that the vehicles covered by section 64A have a valid EC Certificate of Conformity in order to be registered for the first time.
931. As a consequence of the repeal of section 64A, *paragraph 22(2)* removes references to the offence from section 183(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and from Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.
932. The repeal and consequential amendments made in this Part of the Schedule form part of the law of England and Wales and Scotland and come into force at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which the Act is passed.