
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2001 No. 561

The Road Vehicles (Display of
Registration Marks) Regulations 2001

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 and shall come into force—

- (a) for the purposes of this paragraph and regulation 17, on 21st March 2001, and
 - (b) for all other purposes, on 1st September 2001.
- (2) The regulations specified in Schedule 1 are hereby revoked.

Interpretation: general

2.—(1) In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the following meanings—

“the Act” means the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994;

[^{F1}“agricultural machine” means a vehicle which is an agricultural tractor, an off-road tractor, a light agricultural vehicle, an agricultural engine or a mowing machine;]

[^{F2}“agricultural tractor” means a tractor used on public roads solely for—

- (a) purposes relating to agriculture, horticulture or forestry,
- (b) cutting verges bordering public roads, or
- (c) cutting hedges or trees bordering public roads or bordering verges which border public roads;]

^{F3} ...

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[^{F4}“EEA State” has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978]

[^{F5}“light agricultural vehicle” means a vehicle which—

- (a) has a revenue weight not exceeding 1,000 kilograms,
- (b) is designed and constructed so as to seat only the driver,
- (c) is designed and constructed primarily for use otherwise than on roads, and
- (d) is used solely for purposes relating to agriculture, horticulture or forestry;]

“motor cycle” means a vehicle having 2 wheels and includes a vehicle of that description in combination with a sidecar;

“motor tricycle” means a vehicle having 3 wheels symmetrically arranged;

[^{F6}“off-road tractor” means a tractor which is not an agricultural tractor and which—

- (a) is designed and constructed primarily for use otherwise than on roads, and
- (b) is incapable by reason of its construction of exceeding a speed of twenty five miles per hour on the level under its own power;]

“quadricycle” means a vehicle having four wheels, a maximum net engine power not exceeding 15 kilowatts and an unladen mass (excluding the mass of batteries in the case of an electrically-powered vehicle) not exceeding—

- (a) 550 kilograms in the case of a goods vehicle, and
- (b) 400 kilograms in any other case;

“registration plate” means a plate or other device displaying the registration mark of the vehicle [^{F7}, but does not include such part of a plate or device as is intended for the display of material specified in regulation [^{F8}16(3), (4), (4A), (4B) and (4D)];]

“prescribed font” means the style shown in Schedule 4 for a character of the height specified in that Schedule;

“relevant date” means—

- (a) in Great Britain, 1st October 1938, and
- (b) in Northern Ireland, 1st January 1948;

“works truck” means a vehicle which is—

- (a) designed for use in private premises, and
- (b) used on public roads only—
 - (i) for carrying goods between private premises and a vehicle on a road in the immediate vicinity, or
 - (ii) in passing from one part of private premises to another or between private premises and other private premises in the immediate vicinity, or
 - (iii) in connection with road works at or in the immediate vicinity of the site of the works.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference in these Regulations to—

- (a) a registration plate fixed or to be fixed to a vehicle, or
- (b) a registration mark displayed or to be displayed on a plate,

is to be construed, where the vehicle is towing a trailer, so as to include a reference to the registration plate which is required under these Regulations to be fixed to the trailer or a reference to the mark displayed on the plate fixed to that trailer.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.12.2018) by [The Road Vehicles \(Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1295\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (28.12.2018) by [The Road Vehicles \(Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1295\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(2)(b)**
- F3** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (27.4.2009) by virtue of [The Road Vehicles \(Display of Registration Marks\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/811\)](#), regs. 1, **3(a)**
- F4** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (28.12.2018) by [The Road Vehicles \(Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1295\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(2)(c)**
- F5** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (28.12.2018) by [The Road Vehicles \(Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1295\)](#), regs. 1(3), **3(2)(d)**

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| F6 | Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (28.12.2018) by The Road Vehicles (Registration, Registration Plates and Excise Exemption) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1295), regs. 1(3), 3(2)(e) |
| F7 | Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (27.4.2009) by The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/811), regs. 1, 3(b) |
| F8 | Words in reg. 2 substituted (8.12.2020) by The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1276), regs. 1, 3 |

Exempt vehicles

3. Nothing in these Regulations applies to—
- (a) an invalid vehicle, that is a vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 254 kilograms and which is specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, for the use of a person suffering from a physical disability and solely used by that person; or
 - (b) a pedestrian-controlled vehicle, that is a vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 450 kilograms which is neither constructed nor adapted for the carriage of a driver or passenger.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001, PART I.