STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State for the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 91(3) of the Transport Act 1968**(a)** and now vested in him **(b)**, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 91(8) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st January 1977 and may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1976.

2. The Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1969**(c)** as amended **(d)** shall be further amended so as to have effect as if—

(*a*) after Regulation 18 (Definition of "relevant plated weight") there were inserted the following Regulation:—

"*Metrication of weights in section* 60(4) *of the Act*

18A. For the weights of three and a half tons and thirty hundredweight specified in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of section 60(4) of the Act (which defines a small goods vehicle as a goods vehicle not exceeding certain weights) there shall be respectively substituted the weights of 3·5 tonnes and 1525 kilograms"; and

(*b*) in Schedule 1 (Cases in which an operator's licence is not required) the following paragraph were added at the end:—

"24. A vehicle first used before 1st January 1977 which has an unladen weight not exceeding 1525 kilograms and for which the maximum gross weight, as shown on a plate affixed to the vehicle by virtue of Regulation 39 of the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1973**(e)** or any provision which that Regulation replaced, exceeds 3·5 tonnes but does not exceed $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons.".

John Gilbert,
Minister for Transport,
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State.

3rd August 1976.

(a) 1968 c. 73.
(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).
(c) S.I. 1969/1636 (1969 III, p. 5141).
(d) S.I. 1976/292 (1976 I, p. 751).
(e) S.I. 1973/24 (1973 I, p. 93).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1969 by inserting a provision to substitute (in pursuance of section 91(3) of the Transport Act 1968) for the references to three and a half tons (imperial) and thirty hundred-weight in paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of section 60(4) of that Act (definition of a small goods vehicle by reference to certain weights) references to 3·5 tonnes (metric) and 1525 kilograms respectively.

Provision is also made to exempt from the requirement for an operator's licence vehicles brought within the scope of Part V of the Transport Act 1968 by the metrication of the weight threshold which are exempt from plating under section 45 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 (c. 20) (the Ministry plate) and are first used before 1st January 1977.

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