STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 1976

Made - - - -	*2nd February* 1976
Coming into Operation	31*st March* 1976

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 1976 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1976.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1973**(b)** as amended **(c)** shall have effect in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

3. In Article 9, in paragraph (*a*), for the words "115 and 131" there shall be substituted the words "115, 131 and 136".

4. In Article 16—

(i) in paragraph (*m*), the words "the overall width exceeds 2·44 metres on a road on which a tramcar is operated and to the use of a vehicle of which" and the word "other" shall be omitted; and

(ii) in paragraph (*n*), the words "if its overall width exceeds 2·44 metres, before using it on a road on which a tramcar is operated or, if its overall width exceeds 2·9 metres," shall be omitted.

5. In Article 17, in sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2), for the words "125 and 129 to 133 (inclusive)" there shall be substituted the words "125, 129 to 133 (inclusive) and 136".

6. In Article 20—

(i) in paragraph (*a*), for the words "in paragraph (*p*)" there shall be substituted the words "in paragraphs (*p*) and (*q*)"; and

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(a) 1972 c. 20.
(b) S.I. 1973/1101 (1973 II, p. 3343).
(c) There is no relevant amending Order.

(ii) after paragraph (*p*) there shall be added the following paragraph—

"(*q*) where an abnormal indivisible load consists of engineering plant from which one or more constituent parts have been detached, such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts may be carried:

Provided that—

(i) no dimension of such constituent parts protrudes beyond any dimension of the vehicle or combination of vehicles on which such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts are being carried to an extent greater than such abnormal indivisible load would protrude if it were being carried without such constituent parts;

(ii) such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts are loaded at the same place and have the same destination; and

(iii) the sum of the weights transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of the vehicle or vehicles carrying such abnormal indivisible load and such constituent parts does not exceed 76,200 kilograms.".

7. In Article 21, in paragraph (*f*), for the words "119 and 120" there shall be substituted the words "119, 120 and 136".

8. In Article 27, for sub-paragraph (*a*) of paragraph (1), there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"(*a*) the overall width of a vehicle the use of which on roads is authorised by Article 20 or 21 of this Order or of the vehicle together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of its load exceeds 2·9 metres, or".

Hugh Ellis-Rees,
An Under Secretary in the
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State.
2nd February 1976.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order makes further amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1973.

These amendments—

(i) bring within the provisions as to a vehicle carrying or drawing an abnormal indivisible load such a load consisting of partly dismantled engineering plant together with the parts which have been dismantled from it (Article 6);

(ii) bring certain special types of vehicle within the restrictions as to the number of trailers which may be drawn (Articles 3, 5 and 7); and

(iii) remove certain variations in the widths of loads the transport of which requires prior notice to be given to the police (Articles 4 and 8).

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