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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1977

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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 40(1) and (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st October 1977, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 6) Regulations 1977.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1973**(b)**, as amended **(c)**, shall be further amended so as to have effect in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. In Regulation 4A, in the Table—

(*a*) after item 7A there shall be inserted the following item—

"7B	Council Directive 70/157/EEC of 6th February 1970 (relating to the permissible sound level and exhaust system of motor vehicles) as amended by Commission Directive 73/350/EEC of 7th November 1973 and by Commission Directive 77/212/EEC of 8th March 1977**(d)**.	1st July 1977		29 ", and

(*b*) after item 9A there shall be inserted the following item—

"9B	Council Directive 70/220/EEC of 20th March 1970 (relating to the measures to be taken against air pollution by gasses from spark-ignition engines of motor vehicles) as amended by Council Directive 74/290/EEC of 28th May 1974 and by Council Directive 77/102/EEC of 30th November 1976**(e)**.	1st April 1977		33A " .

(a) 1972 c. 20.
(b) S.I. 1973/24 (1973 I, p. 93).
(c) The relevant amending Instruments are S.I. 1976/528, 1507 (1976 I, p. 1558; III, p. 4010).
(d) O.J. L66, 12.3.1977, p. 33.
(e) O.J. L32, 3.2.1977, p. 32.

4. In Regulation 17 (Seat belts and anchorage points), in paragraph (8)—

(*a*) in sub-paragraph (*a*), for the words "Every motor car" there shall be substituted the words "Except as provided in sub-paragraph (*cc*) of this paragraph, every motor car";

(*b*) in sub-paragraph (*b*), for the words "Where in the case of " there shall be substituted the words "Except as provided in sub-paragraph (*cc*) of this paragraph, where in the case of";

(*c*) in sub-paragraph (*c*), for the words "If any seat" there shall be substituted the words "Except as provided in sub-paragraph (*cc*) of this paragraph, if any seat"; and

(*d*) after sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*cc*) The requirements of sub-paragraphs (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) of this paragraph shall not apply to a motor vehicle to which there is affixed the marking designated as an approval mark by Regulation 4 of the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1976**(a)** as amended **(b)** and shown in column 2 at item 39A of Schedule 2 to those Regulations (such marking indicating that the vehicle has been approved in respect of the safety-belt anchorages).".

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport.

8th August 1977.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1973 so as—

(1) to amend, as a result of further Community Directives, the type approval requirements to which a motor vehicle must conform in order to gain exemption from the requirements of—

(*a*) Regulation 29 (which deals with certain construction requirements relating to noise), and

(*b*) Regulation 33A (which deals with the marking of certain vehicles propelled by a spark-ignition engine): and

(2) to exempt from certain requirements relating to seat belt anchorages motor vehicles to which there is affixed a marking designated as an approval mark by the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1976 (such marking indicating that the vehicle has been approved in respect of the safety belt anchorages).

(a) S.I. 1976/2226 (1976 III, p. 6233). **(b)** S.I. 1977/1400 (1977 II, p. 4181).

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