STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 444

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1971

Made - - -	11*th March* 1971
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Coming into Operation	15*th April* 1971

The Secretary of State for the Environment in exercise of his powers under section 64(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(**a**) as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962(**b**) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 15th April 1971 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1971.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1969(**c**) as amended (**d**) shall have effect as though—

(*a*) after Regulation 25 there were inserted the following Regulation:—

"25A.—(1) This Regulation shall apply to every motor vehicle first used on or after 1st January 1972 and propelled by a spark ignition engine (not being a two-stroke engine) other than—

(*a*) a vehicle manufactured before 1st July 1971, and

(*b*) a two-wheeled motor cycle with or without a side-car attached.

(2) The engine of every motor vehicle to which this Regulation applies shall be equipped with means sufficient to ensure that, while the engine is running, any vapours or gases in the engine crank case or in any other part of the engine to which vapours or gases may pass from the said crank case are prevented, so far as is reasonably practicable, from escaping into the atmosphere otherwise than through the combustion chamber of the engine."; and

(**a**) 1960 c. 16.
(**b**) 1962 c. 59.
(**c**) S.I. 1969/321 (1969 I, p. 829).
(**d**) There is no relevant amending instrument.

(*b*) after Regulation 85 there were inserted the following Regulation:—

"85A. The engine of every motor vehicle to which Regulation 25A applies shall at all times while the vehicle is used on a road be so maintained that the means by which (in compliance with that Regulation) vapours or gases in the engine crank case or in other parts of the engine are prevented from escaping into the atmosphere are in good and efficient working order.".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State 11th March 1971.

John Peyton,
Minister for Transport Industries
Department of the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1969 by making provision to ensure that, in the case of certain vehicles propelled by a spark ignition engine and first used after 1st January 1972, vapours or gases in certain parts of the engine are prevented from escaping into the atmosphere.