STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Amendment) Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 96(2) and (3) and 107 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(**a**) (as amended by section 1 of the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976 (**b**)) and by paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Act of 1976, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 15th April 1976 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Amendment) Regulations 1976.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) Regulations 1963(**c**), as amended (**d**), shall be further amended by—

(*a*) inserting at the beginning of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 the words "Subject to paragraph (3) below"; and

(*b*) by adding at the end of Regulation 3 the following paragraph:—

"(3) Paragraph (1) above shall not apply in relation to a person under the age of 17 who has not passed the test of competence prescribed under section 85(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 to drive such a tractor as is referred to in that paragraph, except while taking, proceeding to or returning from, such a test.".

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

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

25th March 1976.

(**a**) 1972 c. 20.
(**b**) 1976 c. 3.
(**c**) S.I. 1963/1025 (1963 II, p. 1728).
(**d**) There is no relevant amending instrument.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which are made under section 96 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as amended by the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976, amend Regulation 3 of the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) Regulations 1963 (which substitutes, for the driving on a road of agricultural tractors of the specified description, a minimum age of 16 in place of 17) by adding a requirement (previously in section 4(3)(ii) of the said Act of 1972) that the age reduction is not to apply in the case of persons who have not passed the driving test for such tractors, except when they are taking, proceeding to or returning from the test.

This amendment is made as a consequence of the repeal of section 4(3)(ii) of the Act of 1972 by the Act of 1976.

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