STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 29

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations 1975

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under sections 73(5) and 78(5) 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:—

Commencement and Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Rear Markings) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 12th February 1975.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

"dangerous goods" means any substance in respect of the carriage of which special provision is made by Annex B, Chapter 1, Section 5, marginal 10.500 of the European Agreement;

"the European Agreement" means the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), signed at Geneva on 30th September 1957**(b)** as amended before the date on which these Regulations were made.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Application

3. These Regulations apply to a motor vehicle or trailer when carrying dangerous goods by road on a journey some part of which has taken place, or will take place, outside the United Kingdom.

Display of rear markings

4.—(1) A vehicle to which these Regulations apply may display a rear marking of the size, colour and type specified in Part I of Schedule 1 to these Regulations, and fitted in such a position as to comply with the provisions set out in Part II of that Schedule and, subject to paragraph (2) of this Regulation, may display a rear marking of the size, colour and type shown in the diagram in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Regulations, subject to the provisions of Part II of that

(a) 1972 c. 20. (b) Cmnd. 734. (c) 1889 c. 63.

Schedule and fitted in such a position as to comply with the provisions set out in Part II of Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) Where a tank-trailer is drawn by a tank-vehicle and these Regulations apply to both vehicles, the rear marking shown in the diagram in Part I of Schedule 2 to these Regulations may be displayed only by the trailer unless the drawing vehicle is carrying dangerous goods of a different kind from those carried by the trailer.

Fred Mulley,
Minister for Transport,
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State.
14th January 1975.

(Regulation 4)

SCHEDULE 1

PART I

SIZE, COLOUR AND TYPE OF REAR MARKING

1. Every rear marking shall be in the form of a plate constructed of orange reflex reflecting material except the border which shall be black.

2. Every rear marking shall be 40 centimetres in length and not less than 30 centimetres high and rectangular in shape. The border shall be not more than 15 millimetres in width.

PART II

PROVISIONS AS TO POSITION ON VEHICLE OF REAR MARKING

1. A rear marking shall be fitted at the rear of, and perpendicular to, the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and in such a position as to be clearly visible from a reasonable distance.

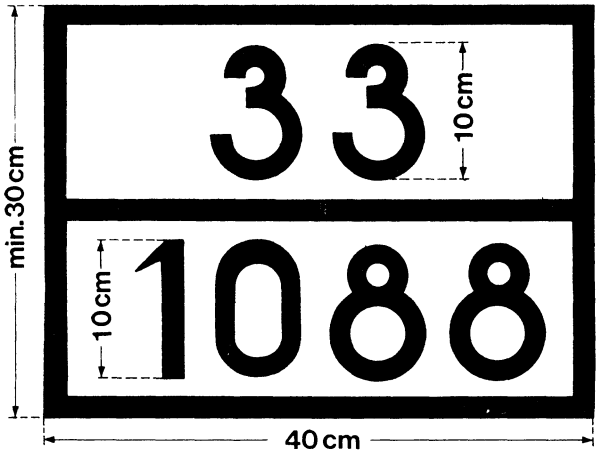
2. A rear marking shall be securely attached to the vehicle so that no part of the marking projects beyond the outermost part of the vehicle on either side.

(Regulation 4)

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

SIZE, COLOUR AND TYPE OF REAR MARKING



PART II

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO SIZE, COLOUR AND TYPE OF REAR MARKING

1. Every rear marking shall be in the form of a plate constructed of orange reflex reflecting material except the figures, any letter, the border and the centre horizontal division which shall be black.

2. Every rear marking shall be 40 centimetres in length and not less than 30 centimetres high. The figures shall be 10 centimetres high and the width of the strokes of the figures, any letter and the central horizontal division shall be 15 millimetres.

3. The figures displayed in the lower and upper rectangles of the plate may be varied to indicate respectively the nature of the dangerous substance carried by the vehicle and the nature of the risk involved in case of escape of the substance, in accordance with the table set out in Appendix B5 to the European Agreement. The letter "X" may be displayed in the upper rectangle to indicate that water may not be applied to the substance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations permit the display at the rear of certain vehicles engaged in the international carriage of dangerous goods by road of plates designed to reflect light to the rear of the vehicle and specify the size, colour and type of such plates, and the position in which they are to be fixed.

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