STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 1312

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024

Made - - - -	*10th December 2024*
Laid before Parliament	*12th December 2024*
Coming into force	*1st April 2025*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 41(1), (2)(k)(ii) and (5) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(**a**) ("the Act").

The Secretary of State has consulted representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of the Act.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2024 and come into force on 1st April 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Amendment of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986

2. The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(**b**) are amended as follows.

3. In regulation 3(2) (interpretation), in the table—

(a) after the definition of "bus", insert—

"camera-monitor system	has the same meaning as in ECE Regulation 46.04(**c**).";

(b) in the definition of "overall length", in paragraph (i)—

(i) at the end of sub-paragraph (o), omit "or";

(ii) at end the end of sub-paragraph (p), insert—

"; or

(**a**) 1988 c. 52; section 41(1) was amended by section 43 of the Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11).

(**b**) S.I. 1986/1078; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1987/676, S.I. 1989/1695, S.I. 1991/2125, S.I. 1992/3088, S.I. 1993/2199, S.I. 1994/3270, S.I. 1995/3051, S.I. 1996/2329, S.I. 1996/3133, S.I. 1998/1188, S.I. 2001/1043, S.I. 2001/3208, S.I. 2003/182, S.I. 2003/1690, S.I. 2005/3165, S.I. 2009/142, S.I. 2010/312, S.I. 2015/142, S.I. 2020/1178 and S.I. 2022/59.

(**c**) A copy of UNECE Regulation 46.04 is available at https://unece.org/DAM/trans/doc/2015/wp29/ECE-TRANS-WP29-2015-084e.pdf. A hard copy may be obtained from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR.

(q) any camera-monitor system.";

(c) in the definition of "overall width"—

(i) at the end of paragraph (n), omit "or";

(ii) at the end of paragraph (o), insert—

"; or
(p) any camera-monitor system.".

4. In regulation 33 (mirrors and other devices for indirect vision)—

(a) in paragraph (1), after "(6H)" insert "and (10)";

(b) after paragraph (9), insert—

"(10) A vehicle within scope of paragraph (1) will be deemed compliant with the requirements of this regulation if it has a camera-monitor system where the requirements in ECE Regulation 46.04, other than those at paragraphs 13, 14, and 17 to 21 of that Regulation, are met.".

5. In regulation 51 (sideguards)—

(a) for paragraph (2A), substitute—

"(2A) This regulation also applies to a wheeled goods vehicle, whether of a description falling within paragraph (2) or not, which is—

(a) a semi-trailer some or all of the wheels of which are driven by the drawing vehicle; or

(b) a vehicle first used on or after 1 April 2025 and which is of a type required to be fitted with lateral protection in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles(**a**).";

(b) in paragraph (5)(l), after "2 kilonewtons" insert "(or 1 kilonewton in the case of a vehicle described in paragraph (2A)(b))".

6. In Schedule 2 (Community Directives and ECE Regulations), in table 2 (ECE Regulations), after the entry relating to item 21A(1), insert—

"21A(2)	46.04	46	21.10.84	Mirrors	15.07.13	-	-".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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Department for Transport

10th December 2024

(**a**) EUR 2018/858, amended by S.I. 2019/648, S.I. 2022/1273, S.I. 2024/146 and S.I. 2024/504.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (S.I. 1986/1078) to allow vehicles to use a camera-monitor system as an alternative to mirrors, and to ensure, if sideguards are required through the type approval process, that they remain fitted.

UN Regulations are issued by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Copies of UN Regulation 46.04 can be obtained from the UNECE website: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp29/wp29regs.html. A hard copy may be obtained from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

An Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument has been prepared and is available alongside this instrument at www.legislation.gov.uk, or from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR.

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