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# ROAD TRAFFIC

## The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1975

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of his powers under sections 40(1) and (3), 73(1) and 78(2) and (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 the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 25th March 1975.

**2.** The Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1971(**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 77 (use of direction indicators as a hazard warning)—

(*a*) for sub-paragraph (1)(*c*) there shall be substituted the following:—

" (*c*) is actuated by a switch controlling only that device or, in the case of a public service vehicle, only that device and an audible warning instrument fitted pursuant to the Construction and Use Regulations.";

(*b*) for sub-paragraph (2) there shall be substituted the following:—

" (2) an appropriate device may only be used—

(*a*) when the motor vehicle is stationary on a road, for the purpose of warning other road users by the simultaneous illumination of the indicators, of a temporary obstruction on the carriageway of a road, or

(*b*) if the motor vehicle is a public service vehicle (whether stationary or in motion), for the purpose of summoning assistance for the driver, the conductor or an inspector."

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

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State
21st February 1975.

(**a**) 1972 c. 20. (**b**) S.I. 1971/694 (1971 I, p. 1833).
(**c**) There is no relevant amending instrument.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1971 by—

(*a*) permitting any device which operates one or more direction indicators on both sides of the motor vehicle to be controlled by a switch which also controls the horn, and

(*b*) permitting the use of the device at any time when the vehicle is stationary on a road, for the purpose of giving warning of a temporary obstruction or, if the vehicle is a public service vehicle (whether stationary or in motion), at any time for the purpose of summoning assistance for the driver, the conductor or an inspector.

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