

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of the Environment Transport & the Regions. Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Motor vehicles: Goods vehicles which are designed or adapted to operate at a weight of between 3,500 kg and 5,500 kg when laden.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment No.) Regulations 2000 (2 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 prescribe all applicable technical standards for the construction of vehicles used on public roads in Great Britain. Amongst other things, they prescribe the arrangements for indicating, on a plate attached to the vehicle, the weight limit at or below which the vehicle may be used. The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2000 are being notified concurrently. They prescribe, amongst other things, the requirements for the single approval of goods vehicles up to 5,500 kg gross weight. The amending regulations that are the subject of this Notification provide for certain goods vehicles which are designed or adapted to operate at a weight of between 3,500 kg and 5,500 kg when laden to be plated to operate at 3,500 kg if a vehicle from the same family of types has previously been singly approved in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: At present, all goods vehicles over 3,500 kg gross weight are required to undergo national type approval. The proposed changes, collectively, introduce flexibility by enabling vehicles between 3,500 and 5,500 kg to enter service via a simpler single vehicle approval, provided that a vehicle of the same family of types with a gross weight of no more than 3,500 kg has already been singly approved.
8.	Relevant documents: Draft text of The Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2000.

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:	} January 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 15 November 2000	
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: http://www.detr.gov.uk/ (from early September 2000) DETR, VSE1 Zone 2/03 Great Minster House 76 Marsham Street London SW1P 4DR E-mail: vsed@detr.gsi.gov.uk Fax: +44 20 7944 2069	