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## The Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) (Amendment) (No. ) Regulations 2003

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### Message

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

United Kingdom

#### 3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

#### 3. Originating Department

Department for Transport

#### 4. Notification Number

2003/0247/UK – T40T

#### 5. Title

The Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) (Amendment) (No. ) Regulations 2003



## 6. Products Concerned

Light transmittance values for windows – including film, tint or other substances applied to the glass - on road vehicles.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

Regulation 32(10) of the Road Vehicles (Construct and Use) Regulations 1986 prescribes the levels of light transmission for glass used in windscreens and other windows. The intent of the regulation is to ensure that drivers have a clear view of the road, other traffic and pedestrians so as to enable them to drive safely. In order to have any real meaning it should be obvious that the Regulation applies to the whole of the substance through which light is transmitted – including both the glass and any other substance, including, for example, ‘film’ or ‘tint’ applied to the windows. The draft regulation attached will simply clarify that the light transmittance levels apply to the glass as well as to any film, tint or other substance applied to it. The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Police are clamping down on vehicles with heavily tinted windows following an accident where a motorcyclist was killed. Heavily tinted windows in the car with which he collided prevented the car driver from being able to see the road ahead clearly. Also, a number of motorists who have been challenged about very heavy window tints are arguing that they are exempt because the law as it stands does not cover film. We understand that a number of police prosecutions have already been successfully resisted in Magistrates’ Courts which means there is a risk of further accidents if the regulation is not clarified.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

NO

## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 13. Confidentiality

NO

## 14. Fiscal measures

NO

## 15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment

A Regulatory Impact Assessment is not required in this instance as we are merely clarifying existing legislation.



## 16. TBT and SPS aspects

### TBT Aspect

NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

### SPS Aspect

NO - The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

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