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The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2011* The Road Vehicles (Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2011* *The year could change to 2012 subject to UK parliamentary procedures

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1. Structured Information Line

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5. Title

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2011*

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6. Products Concerned

Amendments to existing legislation that will allow a 2.05 metre increase in the permitted length of semi-trailers and increase the permitted overall length of articulated goods vehicles to 18.75 metres.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Amendments to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 that will allow the use of articulated vehicles for general haulage having an overall length not exceeding 18.75m and allow a 2.05m increase in the length of semi-trailers by permitting the longitudinal distance from the axis of the king pin to the rear of the semi-trailer to be a maximum of 14.05m. The loading length of such trailers will in no case exceed 15.65 metres.

The semi-trailer will be required to meet the manoeuvrability requirements set out in paragraph 7.6 of Annex I of Community Directive 97/27/EC. Any steering system will be required to lock in the straight ahead position at speeds exceeding 50km/h and meet the technical provisions of paragraph 5 of Annex I to Directive 70/311/EEC (as amended by 1999/7/EC). Semi-trailers deemed to meet the manoeuvrability requirements by compliance with paragraph 7.6.1 of Annex 1 to Community Directive 97/27/EC will be required to be equipped with an on-board weighing device to indicate any overload of the axles or axle groups.

From specified dates, articulated vehicle combinations that incorporate such semi-trailers will be restricted to a maximum height of 4.57m. Additional manoeuvrability requirements will apply and any steering arrangement that is controlled by a complex electronic system will be required to meet the technical provisions of Directive



72/245/EEC (as amended) and requirements of Annex 6 to UN ECE Regulation No.79.01.

Amendments to schedule 4 and schedule 5 of the Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2009 will include provisions to allow the use of active electronically controlled electro-hydraulic steering systems, and enable an individual approval and national small series type approvals to be granted to semi-trailers meeting the above requirements.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

To enable more efficient road freight haulage in the UK without undue risks to road safety, the UK will permit the use of articulated goods vehicles up to a maximum overall length of 18.75m with semi-trailers up to a maximum loading length of 15.65m. This will reduce the total distance travelled by heavy goods vehicles to move the same quantity of freight and is expected to deliver reductions in congestion, local air pollution, carbon emissions, accidents, noise, and infrastructure costs.

Such vehicles will only be allowed for national transport operations in the UK in accordance with Article 4(4) of Directive 96/53/EC. This Article allows vehicles to be permitted that are longer than foreseen in the Directive to circulate in national transport operations as long as the Member State concerned allows the 'modular concept' to circulate in its territory and allows the deviation in length permitted for the longer vehicles on a non discriminatory basis.

A road train of 18.75 metres prescribed in Directive 96/53/EC constitutes a 'modular concept' in accordance with the relevant definition in Article 4(4) because it is composed of 'modules' (a motor vehicle, trailer and semi-trailer) "which comply with the dimensions laid down in Annex I" to the Directive, in "such combinations as to achieve at least the loading length authorised in that Member State". Such a 'modular' road train of 18.75 metres has a loading length of 15.65 metres.

Because the UK allows the concept of 18.75 metres to freely circulate in their territory, they can, consequently, by referring to Article 4(4) and informing the Commission of the measures taken, in a manner similar to that permitted for the carriage of 45' containers (i.e. 13.72 metres) in national road transport, also allow articulated goods vehicles up to a maximum overall length of 18.75m with semi-trailers up to a maximum loading length of 15.65m to be used in their national territory.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No Basic Text exists

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

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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