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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 of Transport: Vehicle Standards and Engineering Division

4. Notification Number

96/318/UK

5. Title

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment...) Regulations 1996

6. Products Concerned

Category 0 Vehicles (trailers)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

A. These proposed regulations which amend the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 set out the technical requirements for trailers fitted with air-line couplings which are capable of being attached to motor vehicle couplings that comply with British Standard BS AU 138a: 1980. These regulations require that such trailer couplings comply with that Standard. The regulations also set the requirements for certain trailers to be fitted with secondary coupling as prescribed in Directive 71/320/EEC, Annex I, item 2.2.2.9 (as amended by Directive 91/422/EEC).

Trailers with a maximum total design axle weight not exceeding 750kg will be required to be fitted with a device such that the trailer will stop automatically if the coupling separates while the trailer is in motion, or if the main coupling separates, it will stop the draw bar touching the ground and provide some residual steering action. These regulations also require that such trailers be permanently marked with the year of manufacture. These regulations also include an additional user requirement regarding the parking of detached trailers and recognition of Directive 93/14/EEC in respect of motorcycle brakes. Recognition of equivalent standards has been provided in the draft

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B. The United Kingdom would like to be informed by other Member States of their own standards or regulations



offering an equivalent level of safety and security.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The main reason for making these regulations is to ensure a) as regards the compliance with the British Standard for air-line couplings, to improve the safety of these vehicles following fatal accidents where use of incompatible couplings contributed to brake failure; b) as regards secondary coupling on light trailers, that they comply with the Directive (as amended) as noted in paragraph 8A; and c) as regards marking the year of manufacture on light trailers, to enable enforcement of the construction standard as imposed by b) above.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment...) Regulations 1996. Category 0 Vehicles (trailers)

ii Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 (SI 1986/1078)
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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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