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The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) General Order 1997

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom



3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types)
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6. Products Concerned

Vehicles fuelled by compressed natural gas

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

a. The implementation of this regulation will simplify the current procedures required to permit the use of vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) in the UK. Under current UK regulations, gas fuelled vehicles are only allowed to operate if the fuel used is butane/propane gas

in the form of liquefied petroleum gas. Any person wishing to operate a vehicle powered by CNG must apply to the United Kingdom Department of Transport for a Vehicle Special Order (VSO) authorising its use. A VSO applies to a specific vehicle, or vehicles and effectively tailors current UK Regulations for gas systems used. It is intended that when a European Standard becomes available the UK standard will be further amended.

Currently there is no European Standard to recognise or that will provide full equivalence to the proposed standard. When a suitable European Regulation is made the UK will examine recognition of this standard as an alternative.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

b. The United Kingdom would be pleased to be informed by other Member States of the European Economic Area of their own standards or regulations offering an equivalent level of safety and security.



9. Brief Statement of Grounds

CNG vehicles are now coming into general use, rather than being used on an experimental basis only. This regulation has been made to allow vehicles to be used in the UK that use CNG as a fuel without the need to issue a VSO for each vehicle (or groups of vehicles) concerned. This will ease the burden of bureaucracy on the manufacturers and industry whilst maintaining safety standards.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- i. The Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1997
- ii. Motor Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 1979. (sent with notification 89/0224/UK)
- iii. -

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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