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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

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5. Title

The Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2000

6. Products Concerned

Certain motor vehicles and their trailers

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Authorised Weight Regulations will allow for the increase in the maximum permissible gross weight of certain categories of vehicles and their trailers within the UK for domestic use.

They will also prevent the misuse of lift axles and will amend the turning circle requirements for articulated vehicles with an overall length of under 15.5 metres. In these two instances the UK will be implementing measures contained within EC Directive 97/27 and 96/53 respectively.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

To implement a maximum weight increase to 44 tonnes for road transport on six axles with road friendly suspension all round and with the stipulation that a low pollution engine to Euro II standards must power the combinations. Although the maximum gross weight for goods vehicles has increased from the current UK allowance because the maximum axle weight will be restricted to 10.5 tonnes and road friendly suspension must be used as they will be powered by low emission vehicles they will be more environmentally friendly.

The regulations to prevent the misuse of lift axles are required because current lift axle technology can enable individual axles to run at weights higher than those legally permitted. This will be in accordance with the requirements of EC Directive 97/27.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The draft statutory instrument "The Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2000".

The Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) Regulations 1998. Notification 98/0390/UK

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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