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## The Road Vehicles (Registration Marks) Regulations 1999

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plazo - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Geen termijnbegin - Nao inicia o prazo - Määräaika ei  
ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist.

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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 the Environment, Transport & the Regions

**4. Notification Number**



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## 5. Title

The Road Vehicles (Registration Marks) Regulations 1999

## 6. Products Concerned

Vehicle registration plates

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

None, (but Council Regulation (EC) No. 2411/98 is relevant to part of the proposed requirements).

8. These draft regulations consolidate, with modifications and amendments the current legal requirements for the display of vehicle registration plates. The main proposed changes are:

the introduction of a mandatory requirement for the use of registration plates conforming to the most recent British Standard specification BS AU 145d on all vehicles first registered on or after 1 September 2000 and on other vehicles first registered on or after 1 January 1973, if their existing plates are replaced.

the introduction of a mandatory standard character font for registration marks on vehicles first registered on or after 1 September 2000, and on other vehicles first registered on or after 1 January 1973, if their existing plates are replaced.

the prohibition of fonts which are not substantially the same as the mandatory font and of layouts which make a registration mark relatively difficult to read, or which disguise one character as another or part of another. These changes take effect from 1 September 2000.

permitting the optional use of the "Euro-symbol".

The recognition of equivalent standards and testing is not provided in notified draft.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The overall objective of the new regulations is to reduce the scope for abuse of the requirements, allow more effective police enforcement and introduce an improved British Standard.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- i. a. Consultation letter & consultation list
- b. Draft text of The Road Vehicles (Registration Marks) Regulations 1999
- c. Draft Regulatory Impact Assessment

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iii. -

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No



**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

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