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Amendment to the Road vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Amendment to the Road vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001

6. Products Concerned

Vehicle number plates must comply with the specifications contained in the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 and British Standard BS AU 145d. These Regulations also make provision for the voluntary display of the blue European Flag with "GB" underneath the circle of stars. This allows motorists to travel within the European Community without the need to display the conventional oval sticker to identify which member state the vehicle is registered. The current Regulations do not allow for the use of any flag or symbol other than the EU symbol on the actual number plate.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The intention is to amend the Display of Registration Mark Regulations to allow for the voluntary display of the Union Flag; the Cross of St George; the Scottish Saltire and the Red Dragon of Wales. In addition to each flag it is intended that one accompanying identifier can be included. The choice will be made from GB; UK; ENG; ENGLAND; SCO; SCOTLAND; CYM; CYMRU or WALES. The amended Regulations would not allow for the display of any other flag or symbols and would apply to England, Scotland and Wales. It is proposed that Northern Ireland will be excluded from these Regulations, leaving the European Flag as the only acceptable symbol there.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Following public pressure, the UK Government announced its intention to allow for the optional display of national flags and emblems on number plates and to amend the Regulations to allow for this. It should be noted that these UK national flags and emblems would not be valid for travel to other European Community states. Either the oval GB Sticker or European Flag would still need to be displayed. Failure to display one of these symbols could result in the vehicle being impounded and/or other sanctions that depend on the domestic legislation of the country involved.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Explanatory Memorandum to the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulation 2009 attached.

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

Impact assessment not available.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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