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# The Pedal Cycles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

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# Message

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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### 4. Notification Number

2014/0548/UK - T40T

#### 5. Title

The Pedal Cycles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

#### 6. Products Concerned

These regulations prescribe the requirements that pedal cycles and electrically assisted pedal cycles must meet when used on roads in Great Britain.

#### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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# 8. Main Content

The 1983 regulations prescribe requirements that pedal cycles and electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs) must meet when used on roads in Great Britain. The amendments that are the subject of this Notification concern only electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs). The definition of EAPC when used on roads in GB is in separate regulations that were the subject of Notification 2014/402/UK.

Currently, EAPCs must be fitted with:

- (a) A plate securely fixed in a conspicuous and readily accessible position showing—
- (i) the name of the manufacturer of the vehicle;
- (ii) the nominal voltage of the battery (as defined in a withdrawn 1971 British Standard); and
- (iii) the continuous rated output (as defined in the withdrawn 1971 British Standard) of the motor.
- (b) Braking systems which are so designed and constructed that they comply with the standards specified in a withdrawn 1981 British Standard.
- (c) A battery which does not leak so as to be a source of danger.
- (d) A device biased to the off position which allows power to come from the motor only when the device is operated so as to achieve that result.

The draft amending regulations that are the subject of this Notification make the following changes:

- Vehicles must be marked either with the information currently required, as listed under (a) above, (applying mainly to vehicles already in service) or with the information required in the current EPAC BS EN standard 15194:2009 + A1:2011 i.e.
- name of manufacturer;
- the maximum speed at which the motor can propel the vehicle; and
- the maximum continuous rated power of the motor of the vehicle.
- EAPCs must be fitted with brakes that comply with section 4.6.8 of the latest "City Bikes" BS EN ISO standard 4210-2: 2014.
- A "mutual recognition" provision for equivalent European standards is added. (NB: in relation to Notification 2014/402/UK, we have recently received a comment from the European Commission concerning the inclusion of Turkey in the mutual recognition provision. We will take that comment into consideration for this amendment also and make appropriate changes to the final text).

The GB definition of EAPC for use on roads in GB incorporates "twist and go" cycles - i.e. those that can be started without pedal assistance but which otherwise meet the limitations on motor power and motor assist

cut-off speed (and provided that the vehicle is still capable of being propelled by the pedals). In future, such vehicles will need to be approved to EU Regulation 168/2013 because they lie outside the exemption in Article 2(2)(h) of that Regulation. Accordingly, for brakes, the amending regulations refer to the type approval requirements for vehicles within the scope of EU 168/2013. The new vehicle marking option is compatible with type approval requirements in EU 168/2013 and its associated EU Regulations.

#### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

UK government policy is to encourage people to cycle in order to:

- improve health:
- reduce congestion, pollution, and operating costs for commercial users.

Since the 1983 Regulations came into force, there have been significant developments in applicable technology, consumer markets and cycle use.

The changes that are the subject of this Notification complement those contained in Notification 2014/402/UK and align with the latest BS EN ISO standards. In particular, they are intended to ensure that cycles for the European market may be used on GB roads without the need for additional markings, whilst facilitating roadside enforcement through the display of information critical to the identification of non-compliant vehicles.

#### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: The Pedal Cycles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1983 (SI 1983 No. 1176)

# 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

# 12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

No

### 14. Fiscal measures

No

#### 15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment not available

# 16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect



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**Single Market for goods**Prevention of Technical Barriers

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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