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## CODE OF PRACTICE – Self-Escorting of Abnormal Loads and Abnormal Vehicles

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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

Highways Agency

#### 4. Notification Number

2004/0018/UK – T40T

#### 5. Title

CODE OF PRACTICE – Self-Escorting of Abnormal Loads and Abnormal Vehicles



## 6. Products Concerned

Provisions permitting the self-escorting on roads (by hauliers and other private individuals) abnormal indivisible loads and abnormal vehicles.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

The attached Code of Practice sets out the vehicle, person and operating criteria that should be adopted by haulage companies and private firms wishing to undertake the escorting of abnormal indivisible loads and abnormal vehicles. Within the Code of Practice the section on vehicle specification includes a vehicle livery and the equipment to be carried; the section on the escort person contains details of the skills and qualifications required, and the section on general operating practice identifies the size of loads that should be escorted and the positioning of the escort vehicles. This Code of Practice is voluntary and will operate on a self-certification basis.

Keywords: Abnormal Loads, Abnormal Load Vehicles, Self-Escorting, Escort persons, Escort Vehicle.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Historically the Police have undertaken the task of escorting abnormal loads, although there has never been a statutory duty on them to provide this service. The Police now intend to relinquish this role so they can concentrate on other important duties. Allowing hauliers to self-escort their loads will free up resources, give the haulier greater control over scheduling the movement and reduce both Police and haulier costs. This Code of Practice defines the criteria by which self-escorts should operate.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Consultation letter.

## 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



The Police previously undertook the role of escorting abnormal loads. The introduction of this voluntary Code of Practice gives guidance to those wishing to escort abnormal loads, namely hauliers and private companies. As such there are no specific regulations being introduced and consequently no Regulatory Impact Assessment has been made.

#### **16. TBT and SPS aspects**

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

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

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