

## 1981 No. 1373

## ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Road Traffic Acts 1960 and 1972, Road Traffic  
Regulation Act 1967, and Transport Act 1968  
(Metrication) Regulations 1981**

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| <i>Made - - - -</i>           | <i>7th September 1981</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | <i>5th October 1981</i>   |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i>  | <i>1st November 1981</i>  |

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 253(11) of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a), section 99(11) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(b), sections 91(3) and 103(6) of the Transport Act 1968(c) and section 190(11) of the Road Traffic Act 1972(d), and now vested in him(e) and of all other enabling powers, and after consulting with representative organisations in accordance with section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, section 107(2) of the said Act of 1967, sections 91(8) and 101(6) of the said Act of 1968 and section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic Acts 1960 and 1972, Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 and Transport Act 1968 (Metrication) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st November 1981.

2. For the words expressing imperial units of measurement specified in column (2) of Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations in the subsections of section 253 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 specified in column (1) of that Part there are substituted the words expressing metric units of measurement specified in column (3) of that Part.

3. For the words expressing imperial units of measurement specified in column (2) of Part II of the Schedule to these Regulations in the subsections of section 99 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 specified in column (1) of that Part there are substituted the words expressing metric units of measurement specified in column (3) of that Part.

4.—(1) For the words expressing imperial units of measurement specified in column (2) of Part IIIA of the Schedule to these Regulations in the sections in Part V of the Transport Act 1968 specified in column (1) of the said Part IIIA there are substituted the words expressing metric units of measurement specified in column (3) of the said Part IIIA.

(a) 1960 c. 16.

(b) 1967 c. 76.

(c) 1968 c. 73.

(d) 1972 c. 20.

(e) As regards 1960 c. 16, 1967 c. 76 and 1968 c. 73 by S.I. 1970/1681, 1979/571 and 1981/238, and as regards 1972 c. 20 by S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238.

(2) Section 103(6) of the Transport Act 1968 shall apply in relation to section 98(2) of that Act with the substitution, for the weights specified in column 1 of Part IIIB of the Schedule to these Regulations, of the weights expressed in terms of the metric system specified in column 2 of the said Part IIIB.

5. For the words expressing imperial units of measurement specified in column (2) of Part IV of the Schedule to these Regulations in the subsections of section 190 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 specified in column (1) of that Part there are substituted the words expressing metric units of measurement specified in column (3) of that Part.

7th September 1981.

*Norman Fowler,*  
Secretary of State for Transport.

## SCHEDULE

### PART I

| (1)<br>Subsections of section 253<br>of the Road Traffic Act<br>1960 | (2)<br>Words expressing imperial<br>units of measurement | (3)<br>Words expressing metric<br>units of measurement |
|--|--|--|
| section 253(2)(a)<br>section 253(2)(b)                               | three tons<br>three tons                                 | 3050 kilograms<br>3050 kilograms                       |
| section 253(2)(c)  | three tons and a half                                    | 3500 kilograms   |
| section 253(3)   | two tons and a half                                      | 2540 kilograms   |
| section 253(4)   | two tons and a half                                      | 2540 kilograms   |
| section 253(5)   | eight hundredweight                                      | 410 kilograms  |
| section 253(6)   | five hundredweight                                       | 254 kilograms  |
| section 253(7)   | seven tons and a quarter                                 | 7370 kilograms   |
| section 253(8)   | eleven tons and a half                                   | 11690 kilograms  |
| section 253(8)   | seven tons and a quarter                                 | 7370 kilograms   |
| section 253(8)   | eleven tons and a half                                   | 11690 kilograms  |

## PART II

| (1)<br>Subsections of section 99<br>of the Road Traffic<br>Regulation Act 1967                        | (2)<br>Words expressing imperial<br>units of measurement   | (3)<br>Words expressing metric<br>units of measurement   |
|---|--|--|
| section 99(2)(a)<br>section 99(2)(b)  | three tons<br>three tons   | 3050 kilograms<br>3050 kilograms   |
| section 99(2)(c)<br>section 99(3)<br>section 99(4)<br>section 99(5)<br>section 99(6)<br>section 99(7) | three tons and a half<br>two tons and a half<br>two tons and a half<br>eight hundredweight<br>five hundredweight<br>seven tons and a quarter<br>eleven tons and a half<br>seven tons and a quarter<br>eleven tons and a half | 3500 kilograms<br>2540 kilograms<br>2540 kilograms<br>410 kilograms<br>254 kilograms<br>7370 kilograms<br>11690 kilograms<br>7370 kilograms<br>11690 kilograms |
| section 99(8)   | eleven tons and a half   | 11690 kilograms  |

## PART IIIA

| (1)<br>Sections in Part V of the<br>Transport Act 1968 | (2)<br>Words expressing imperial<br>units of measurement | (3)<br>Words expressing metric<br>units of measurement |
|--|--|--|
| 60(4) (in the last line of the<br>subsection)          | one ton  | 1020 kilograms   |
| 71(6)(a)   | sixteen tons   | 16260 kilograms  |
| 71(6)(b)(i)  | five tons  | 5080 kilograms   |
| 71(6)(b)(ii)   | sixteen tons   | 16260 kilograms  |
| 71(6)(c)(i)  | five tons  | 5080 kilograms   |
| 71(6)(c)(ii)   | sixteen tons   | 16260 kilograms  |
| 71(6) (in the last line of the<br>subsection)          | five tons  | 5080 kilograms   |
| 93(1)  | one ton<br>thirty hundredweight                          | 1020 kilograms<br>1525 kilograms                       |

## PART IIIB

## SECTION 103(6) IN PART VI OF THE TRANSPORT ACT 1968

| (1)<br>Weight in imperial units               | (2)<br>Weight in the metric system |
|---|------------------------------------|
| three and a half tons<br>thirty hundredweight | 3500 kilograms<br>1525 kilograms   |

## PART IV

| (1)<br>Subsections of section 190<br>of the Road Traffic Act<br>1972 | (2)<br>Words expressing imperial<br>units of measurement | (3)<br>Words expressing metric<br>units of measurement |
|--|--|--|
| section 190(2)(a)<br>section 190(2)(b)                               | three tons<br>three tons                                 | 3050 kilograms<br>3050 kilograms                       |
| section 190(2)(c)<br>section 190(3)                                  | three tons and a half<br>two tons and a half             | 3500 kilograms<br>2540 kilograms                       |
| section 190(4)   | two tons and a half                                      | 2540 kilograms   |
| section 190(5)   | eight hundredweight                                      | 410 kilograms  |
| section 190(6)   | five hundredweight                                       | 254 kilograms  |
| section 190(7)   | seven tons and a quarter                                 | 7370 kilograms   |
| section 190(8)   | eleven tons and a half                                   | 11690 kilograms  |
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|  | eleven tons and a half                                   | 11690 kilograms  |

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

1. In exercise of the power given by section 253(11) of the Road Traffic Act 1960, section 99(11) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967, sections 91(3) and 103(6) of the Transport Act 1968 and section 190(11) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 these Regulations metricate the imperial units of measurement specified respectively, in Parts I, II, III and IV of the Schedule to these Regulations.

2. The metrication fulfils, as regards those measurements, obligations arising from Council Directive 80/181/EEC of 20th December 1979 (O.J. L39, page 40) on the approximation of laws of Member States relating to units of measurement.