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ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2000  
(Made under section 9 of the Road Traffic  
Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

Sections 2 and 3 shall come into operation on 1 April 2000.

2. Visual display units

Regulation 37 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles)  
Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg.) is amended---

(a) by renumbering it as regulation 37(1);

(b) in paragraph (1), by repealing "television receiving apparatus other than an  
apparatus designed to give the driver a closed circuit view of any part of the vehicle  
or the surrounding area" and substituting "visual display unit other than a visual  
display unit that may be installed under paragraph (2)";

(c) by adding---

"(2) Subject to paragraph (3), a visual display unit that is designed to give the  
driver---

(a) information about the current state of the vehicle or its equipment;

(b) the current closed-circuit view of any part  
of the vehicle or the area surrounding the vehicle;

(c) information about the current location of the vehicle; or

(d) any other information which is only for the purpose of navigating the vehicle,  
may be installed in or on a motor vehicle.

(3) A visual display unit which enables the display of---

(a) any broadcast within the meaning of section 2 of the Television Ordinance (Cap.  
52); or

(b) any stored visual images except for the purposes of paragraph (2)(d),  
may not be installed under paragraph (2) at a point forward of the driver's seat as  
referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or in the manner referred to in paragraph (1)(b) or  
(c)."

3. Warning instruments

Regulation 38 is amended---

(a) by adding---

"(1A) Every goods vehicle shall also be fitted with an automatic device capable of  
giving audible and sufficient warning when it is reversing and is about to reverse.

(1B) An instrument fitted for the purposes of paragraph (1) must be capable of

emitting a continuous and uniform sound and must not emit any other sound.

(1C) An automatic device described in paragraph (1A)---

(a) which is fitted in a goods vehicle for the purposes of that paragraph; or

(b) if fitted in any other motor vehicle,

must be capable of emitting an intermittent and uniform sound and must not emit any other sound.";

(b) in paragraph (2)---

(i) by repealing "paragraph (1)" and substituting "paragraphs (1), (1A), (1B) and (1C)";

(ii) in subparagraph (d), by repealing "or";

(iii) in subparagraph (e), by repealing the comma at the end and substituting "; or";

(iv) by adding---

"(f) a sound producing device giving a sound which is likely to be confused with a sound emitted from a light signal prescribed by regulation 33 of the Road Traffic (Traffic Control) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg.) at a light signal crossing within the meaning of those Regulations in the operation of that light signal, [cf. S.I. 1986/1078 r. 99(3)(b) U.K.]".

4. Restriction on the nature of lamps to be carried

Regulation 92(1)(b) is amended by repealing everything after "other than a" and substituting "white light for the purpose of reversing or a red light."

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicles) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg.) ("the principal Regulations")---

(a) to relax the law to accommodate the use of advanced technology in providing traffic information in or on a motor vehicle (section 2);

(b) to require the installation of an automatic sound producing device by all goods vehicles so as to reduce traffic accidents caused by the reversing movements of goods vehicles (section 3);

(c) to specify the kinds of sounds emitted by the warning instruments (section 3);

(d) to improve upon the wordings in regulation 92(1)(b) of the principal Regulations so as to convey the legislative intent more clearly (section 4).