

HIGHWAYS ADMINISTRATION

THE ROAD VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES) GENERAL ORDER 1998

ADVICE NOTES ON THE USE OF THE PRESCRIBED FORM

Advance notice to police

1. The notice in Part I of the prescribed form must be sent to the Police if ALL of the following sub-paragraphs of this paragraph apply to a vehicle :-
 - a) it is a special type falling within Article 16 (vehicles for carrying or drawing abnormal indivisible loads) or 17 (engineering plant) of the Order;
 - b) it is to be used on roads; and
 - c) it is of a description set out in paragraph 2 below.
2. A vehicle is of a description to which paragraph 1(c) refers if ANY of the following sub-paragraphs of this paragraph apply to it :-
 - a) the overall length of the vehicle, or of the combination of vehicles of which it forms part, together with the length of any forward or rearward projection of load, exceeds 22 metres; or
 - b) the overall width of the vehicle, together with the width of any lateral projection or projections of load, exceeds 3 metres; or
 - c) the overall height of the vehicle, together with the height of any vertical projection of load, exceeds 4.57 metres when the vehicle is in motion on a road; or
 - d) the total weight transmitted to the road surface by all the wheels of anyone axle of the vehicle exceeds 10170 kg, or by anyone wheel thereof, 5090 kg.

Advance notice to the Department of Transport

3. The notice in Part II of the prescribed form must be sent to the Department if a vehicle is one to which paragraph 1(a) and (b), and paragraph 2(d), of these Notes apply.
4. In other words, there is no requirement to notify the Department of the length, width or height of such a special type of vehicle which is to be used on roads, but there is a Deed to notify it of any weights exceeding those specified in paragraph 2(d).
5. To avoid unnecessary repetition, simply copy to the Department the form sent to the Police in respect of Part I, but remember to complete Part II.

Agricultural vehicles and very large vehicles for moving excavated material

6. Use on roads of -
 - (a) an agricultural vehicle or an off-set agricultural combination under Article 7 or 8 of the Order; or
 - (b) a very large vehicle for moving excavated material under Article 12,

does not Deed to be notified to the Department.

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7. On the other hand, except as provided in paragraph 8 below, a notice under Part I of the prescribed form must be sent to the Police when it is intended to use such a vehicle or combination on roads and any of its dimensions exceeds those set out in paragraph 2(a), (b) or (c) of these Notes.

8. No notice to the Police is required in cases where an agricultural vehicle, or an off-set agricultural combination, will cover a distance on roads of less than 5 miles when carrying out its whole journey.

Period of notice

9. Where a notice under Part I or II or the prescribed Form is required (see paragraphs 1,3 and 7 above), it must be given so that it is received by the date after which there are at least two working days before the date on which use or the related vehicle or vehicles is to begin. In this respect "working day" means a day which is not a Sunday, a bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday.

10. The Police and the Department may, at their discretion, accept a shorter period or notice than is referred to in paragraph 9, or fewer particulars than are normally required in a notice.

Power of Police to vary time, date or route of journey

11. After receiving a notice under Part I or the prescribed Form, the Police may direct a variation in the time, date or route of the intended journey, either before or during the course of the journey.

12. In deciding whether to direct a variation, the Police are required to act -

- (a) upon such advice as may be tendered to them by the Department; or
- (b) if no such advice is tendered, at their own discretion.

13. Unless a consent is required under Part III (restricted hours) or IV (abnormal height) or the prescribed Form, neither the Police nor the Department have power under the Order to stop the movement of a special type of vehicle in respect of which due notice is given in accordance with Part I or II. The power vested in the Police is limited to varying the time, date or route of the intended journey, and it is for consideration on this matter that such notice is required.

Vehicle on journey to conform with notice

14. Subject to such variation as may be directed by the police (see paragraph 11), vehicles must be used only in accordance with the particulars provided in the notice given under Part I or the prescribed Form.

Indemnities

15. Where a notice under Part II or the prescribed form is required to be given to the Department (see paragraph 3 above), then it is also necessary to complete and send with it the indemnity under Part V.

Restricted hours

16. If it is proposed to use on roads a special type of vehicle which will be used to carry or draw an abnormal indivisible load, and if it is proposed to use the vehicle on a working day (as defined in paragraph 9) between 08.00 and 10.00 hours or between 16.00 and 18.00 hours, then an application must be made under Part III or the prescribed form for the prior written consent of the Police.

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17. The application C or consent under Part III or the prescribed Form should be included in the same form (if any) as is being used for any notice to the Police in respect of the vehicle under Part I.

Engineering plant exceeding 4.57 metres in height (including any vertical projection of load)

18. If it is proposed to use engineering plant in motion on a road when its height (including any vertical projection or load) exceeds 4.57 metres, it is necessary to obtain the prior written consent of the Department.

19. Wherever possible, the application for consent under Part IV or the prescribed Form should be included in the same form (if any) as is being used for any other application or notice in respect of the vehicle, and a copy sent to the Police.

Particulars of routes and vehicles, and information about users

20. Parts VI, VII and VIII or the prescribed form must be completed whenever notice is given or consent is sought under Part I, II, III or IV.

Speed limits

21. Speed limits for special types of vehicle to which these Notes refer are -

- (a) 20 mph for agricultural vehicles;
- (b) 12 mph for very large vehicles for moving excavated material;
- (c) 20 mph for vehicles carrying or drawing abnormal indivisible loads;
- (d) 40 mph for mobile cranes; and
- (e) 20 mph for other engineering plant.

Designated roads

22. Notification or consent under the Order does not obviate the need for separate consent under the Designated Roads (Long and Heavy Vehicles) Order 1995 where that Order applies.

References in these Notes to the Police and to the Department

23. All references to the Police are to the Traffic Section at Police Headquarters, Glencrutbery Road, Douglas IM2 4RG (tel 631442 or 631212; fax 631458).

24. All references to the Department are -

- (a) to the Director of Harbours in the Department of Transport, Harbours Division, Sea Terminal Building, Douglas IM1 2RF (tel 686600; fax 626403) in a case where it is intended to use a vehicle solely on roads within a harbour or port; and
- (b) to the Director of Highways and Traffic in that Department, Sea Terminal Building, Douglas IM1 2RF (tel 686688; fax 686920) in any other case.