

# **Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Rear and Side Markings) Rules**

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## **ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REAR AND SIDE MARKINGS) RULES**

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## Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Rear and Side Markings) Rules.

## Definitions

2.—(1) In these Rules —

“Agreement” means the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions (formerly known as the Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts) adopted at Geneva on 20th March 1958;

“approval mark” means an approval mark under —

- (a) paragraph 5 of Regulation 104 (Uniform Provisions Concerning the Approval of Retro-Reflective Markings for Heavy and Long Vehicles and their Trailers) of Addendum 103 to the Agreement; or
- (b) such specifications for retro-reflective markings as the Registrar may approve from time to time;

“rear marking” means a rear marking of the type shown in —

- (a) Diagrams 1 to 5 set out in paragraph (A) of Part I of the Schedule; or
- (b) Diagrams 7, 8 and 9 set out in paragraph (A) of Part IA of the Schedule;

“side marking” means a side marking of the type shown in —

- (a) the diagram set out in paragraph (B) of Part I of the Schedule; or
- (b) the diagram set out in paragraph (B) of Part IA of the Schedule.

*[S 450/2005 wef 11/07/2005]*

(2) Any reference to a rear marking by a numbered diagram shall be construed —

- (a) in rule 3 and Parts II and III of the Schedule, as a reference to the rear marking shown in the diagram in paragraph (A) of Part I of the Schedule bearing the corresponding number; and

- (b) in rule 4, as a reference to the rear marking shown in the diagram in paragraph (A) of Part IA of the Schedule bearing the corresponding number.

*[S 450/2005 wef 11/07/2005]*

(3) Any reference to a combination of vehicles is a reference to a motor vehicle and any trailer or trailers drawn thereby.

### **General powers of Registrar or authorised officer**

**2A.**—(1) The Registrar or an authorised officer may, by notice, require the owner of a vehicle to furnish evidence that the vehicle complies with all or any of the provisions of these Rules.

(2) The Registrar or an authorised officer may, in any particular case, upon the application of any person, waive the operation of any provisions in these Rules in relation to that person or a vehicle that is the subject of that application, subject to such conditions as the Registrar or the authorised officer may impose.

(3) In this rule, “authorised officer” has the same meaning as in section 6(4) of the Act.

*[S 469/2017 wef 24/08/2017]*

### **Rear markings and side markings on long vehicles**

**3.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (1A), this rule shall apply to —

- (a) every goods vehicle the length of which exceeds 10 metres;
- (b) every trailer the length of which exceeds 5 metres; and
- (c) every trailer which forms part of a combination of vehicles, the overall length of which exceeds 10 metres.

*[S 450/2005 wef 11/07/2005]*

(1A) This rule shall not apply to any goods vehicle or trailer which has been fitted with —

- (a) a rear marking in accordance with rule 4; and
- (b) where applicable, at least 3 pairs of side markings in accordance with rule 4A.

*[S 450/2005 wef 11/07/2005]*

(1B) The following vehicles shall be fitted with a rear marking as in Diagram 1, 2, 4 or 5 except that where the rear of such goods vehicle is so constructed that it is impracticable, without undue expense or risk of damage to a rear marking as in Diagram 1 or 2, for that marking to be fitted in accordance with the provisions of Part III of

the Schedule, a rear marking as in Diagram 3 may be fitted instead:

- (a) every goods vehicle, the length of which exceeds 10 metres but does not exceed 13 metres; and
- (b) every trailer if it forms part of a combination of vehicles, the overall length of which exceeds 10 metres but does not exceed 13 metres.

(2) Every goods vehicle, the length of which exceeds 13 metres, and every trailer, if it forms part of a combination of vehicles, the overall length of which exceeds 13 metres shall be fitted with a rear marking as in Diagram 4 or 5.

(3) Every trailer the overall length of which exceeds 5 metres shall be fitted with a pair of side markings of the type shown in paragraph (B) of Part I of the Schedule.

(4) A rear or side marking fitted to a vehicle under this rule shall —

- (a) be of the size and colour shown in the diagram relating to the marking set out in paragraphs (A) and (B) of Part I of the Schedule subject to the provisions of Part II of that Schedule; and
- (b) be so fitted as to comply with such of the provisions set out in Part III of that Schedule as relate thereto.

*[S 450/2005 wef 11/07/2005]*

(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), the Registrar may approve any other type of rear or side marking to be fitted to a vehicle.

### **New rear markings on long vehicles**

4.—(1) This rule shall apply —

(a) with effect from 1st August 2005, to —

- (i) every goods vehicle the length of which exceeds 10 metres;
- (ii) every trailer the length of which exceeds 5 metres;
- (iii) every trailer which forms part of a combination of vehicles, the overall length of which exceeds 10 metres; and
- (iv) every mobile crane the length of which exceeds 10 metres, which is registered on or after that date; and

(b) with effect from 1st August 2007, to —

- (i) every goods vehicle the length of which exceeds 10 metres;
- (ii) every trailer the length of which exceeds 5 metres;

- (iii) every trailer which forms part of a combination of vehicles, the overall length of which exceeds 10 metres; and
- (iv) every mobile crane the length of which exceeds 10 metres, which is registered before 1st August 2005.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), every vehicle to which this rule applies shall be fitted with a rear marking as in Diagram 7 or 8.

(3) Where the rear of any vehicle to which this rule applies is so constructed that it is impracticable for that vehicle to be fitted with a rear marking as in Diagram 7 or 8 without undue expense or risk of damage to the rear marking, that vehicle may instead be fitted with a rear marking as in Diagram 9.

(4) The rear marking on a vehicle to which this rule applies shall meet the following requirements:

- (a) it shall be made of red retro-reflective material which complies with —
  - (i) the specifications for retro-reflective markings of Class C set out in Regulation 104 (Uniform Provisions Concerning the Approval of Retro-Reflective Markings for Heavy and Long Vehicles and their Trailers) of Addendum 103 to the Agreement; or
  - (ii) such other specifications as the Registrar may approve from time to time;
- (b) it shall be legibly and permanently marked with the approval mark of the red retro-reflective material referred to in sub-paragraph (a) and shall bear the trade name or trade mark of the manufacturer of the material;
- (c) it shall be of at least the dimensions set out in Diagram 7, 8 or 9, as the case may be;
- (d) it shall be fitted at the rear of the vehicle;
- (e) its lower edge shall be at a height of not less than 250 mm above the ground, whether the vehicle is laden or unladen;
- (f) its upper edge shall be at a height of not more than —
  - (i) 1,500 mm above the ground; or
  - (ii) where the rear of the vehicle is so constructed that it is impracticable for the upper edge to be at a height of not more