STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 142

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Made - - - -	*4th February 2015*
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The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 41(1), (2) and (5) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(**1**) ("the 1988 Act").

Representative organisations have been consulted in accordance with section 195(2) of the 1988 Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 9th March 2015.

Amendment of regulations

2. The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(**2**) are amended as set out in regulations 3 to 22.

Interpretation

3. In the table in regulation 3(2), after the expression "car transporter", insert—

"category T tractor	A vehicle in "category T" as defined in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) No 167/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 February 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of agricultural and forestry vehicles(**3**)."

(**1**) 1988 c. 52; section 41 was amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40), section 48 and Schedule 4, paragraph 50; and section 83 and Schedule 8.
(**2**) S.I. 1986/1078; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/1131, 1991/2710, 1992/2016, 1994/329, 1995/551, 1996/3033.
(**3**) OJ L 60, 2.3.2013, p.1.

Braking systems

4.—(1) In regulation 15(2)(a), for "an agricultural trailer or agricultural trailed appliance that is not, in either case, drawn at a speed exceeding 20 mph", substitute "an agricultural trailer that is not drawn at a speed exceeding 40 km/h".

(2) In regulation 15(2), after sub-paragraph (a), insert—

"(aa) an agricultural trailed appliance that is not drawn at a speed exceeding 20 mph;".

(3) In regulation 15(2)(d), after "agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor,".

(4) In regulation 15(2), after sub-paragraph (d), insert—

"(da) a category T tractor unless it is first used after 1st June 1986 and is driven at more than 40 km/h;".

5.—(1) In the table in regulation 16(4), after item 20, in the italicised sub-heading, after "*Wheeled agricultural motor vehicles*", insert "*(other than category T tractors)*".

(2) In the table in regulation 16(4), after item 27, insert—

	"Category T tractors not driven at more than 40 km/h		
28	First used before 1st January 1968.	3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 16	
29	First used on or after 1st January 1968 but before 9th February 1980.	3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 18	
30	First used on or after 9th February 1980.	3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 18"	

6. In regulation 16(4), after the table—

(a) after "Provided that wheeled agricultural motor vehicles", insert ", not being category T tractors,"; and

(b) after "other than items 21 to 23", insert "and provided further that category T tractors not driven at more than 40 km/h are excluded from all items other than items 28 to 30".

Maintenance and efficiency of brakes

7.—(1) In regulation 18(2)(a), after "an agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor,".

(2) In regulation 18(2), after sub-paragraph (a), insert—

"(aa) a category T tractor which is not driven at more than 40 km/h;".

(3) For paragraph (5) of regulation 18, substitute—

7.—"(5) The brakes of—

(a) an agricultural motor vehicle, not being a category T tractor, which is first used on or after 1st June 1986 and is not driven at more than 20 mph;

(b) a category T tractor which is first used on or after 1st June 1986 and is not driven at more than 40 km/h; and

(c) an agricultural trailer manufactured on or after 1st December 1985,

shall be capable of achieving a braking efficiency of not less than 25% when the weight of the vehicle is equal to the total maximum axle weights which the vehicle is designed to have.".

Springs and resilient material

8.—(1) In regulation 22(3)(b), after "an agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor,".

(2) In regulation 22(3), after sub-paragraph (b), insert—

"(ba) a category T tractor which is not driven at more than 40 km/h;".

Tyres

9. In the table in regulation 24, for column 2 of item 6, substitute—

"(a) agricultural motor vehicles, not being category T tractors, which are not driven at more than 20 mph; and

(b) category T tractors which are not driven at more than 40 km/h".

Tyre loads and speed ratings

10.—(1) In table III in regulation 25(7A), in the heading of column 3, after "**Speed**", omit "**(mph)**".

(2) In table III in regulation 25(7A), in column 2 of item 1, after "Agricultural motor vehicles", insert "other than category T tractors".

(3) In table III in regulation 25(7A), in column 3 of each of items 1, 3 and 4, after "20", insert "mph".

(4) In table III in regulation 25(7A), in column 3 of item 2, for "20", substitute "40 km/h".

(5) In table III in regulation 25(7A), in column 3 of item 5, after "18", insert "mph".

(6) In table III in regulation 25(7A), after item 5, insert—

"6	Category T tractors	40 km/h"

Condition and maintenance of tyres

11.—(1) In paragraph (i) of regulation 27(4)(a), after "an agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor,".

(2) In paragraph (iii) of regulation 27(4)(a), omit "or".

(3) In paragraph (iv) of regulation 27(4)(a), for "20mph.", substitute "20 mph; or".

(4) After paragraph (iv) of regulation 27(4)(a), add—

"(v) a category T tractor that is not driven at more than 40 km/h."

Glass

12.—(1) In regulation 32(7)(a), for "(other than agricultural motor vehicles first used on or after 1st June 1986 and driven at more than 20 mph)", substitute "(save as provided in paragraph (7A))".

(2) After regulation 32(7), insert—

"(7A) Paragraph (7)(a) does not apply to—

(a) category T tractors first used on or after 1st June 1986 and driven at more than 40 km/h; or

(b) agricultural motor vehicles, not being category T tractors, first used on or after 1st June 1986 and driven at more than 20 mph."

Mirrors

13. In column 2 of item 2 of the table in regulation 33, for paragraph (b), substitute—

"(b) an agricultural motor vehicle, not being—

(i) a track laying vehicle with an unladen weight not exceeding 7370 kg (which falls in item 11);

(ii) a category T tractor first used after 1st June 1986 which is driven at more than 40 km/h (which falls in item 8);

(iii) a wheeled agricultural vehicle, other than a category T tractor, first used after 1st June 1986 which is driven at more than 20 mph (which falls in item 8); or".

Windscreens wipers and washers

14. In regulation 34(3), for sub-paragraph (a), substitute—

"(a) an agricultural motor vehicle, not being a category T tractor, unless it is first used on or after 1st June 1986 and is driven at more than 20 mph;

(aa) a category T tractor unless it is first used on or after 1st June 1986 and is driven at more than 40 km/h;".

Speedometers

15.—(1) In regulation 35(2)(c), after "agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor,".

(2) In regulation 35(2), after sub-paragraph (c), insert—

"(ca) a category T tractor which is not driven at more than 40 km/h;".

Audible warning instruments

16.—(1) In regulation 37(1)(b), after "agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor".

(2) In regulation 37(1), after sub-paragraph (b), add—

"(c) Sub-paragraph (a) shall not apply to a category T tractor unless it is being driven at more than 40 km/h.".

Noise limits

17.—(1) In regulation 55(2)(b), after "agricultural motor vehicle", insert ", not being a category T tractor,".

(2) In regulation 55(2), after sub-paragraph (b), insert—

"(ba) a category T tractor which is first used before 1st June 1986 or which is not driven at more than 40 km/h;".

18. In regulation 56(1), for sub-paragraph (a), substitute—

"(a) an agricultural motor vehicle, not being a category T tractor, which is first used on or after 1st June 1986 and which is driven at more than 20 mph;

(aa) a category T tractor which is first used on or after 1st June 1986 and which is driven at more than 40 km/h; or".