



ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988

THE ROAD VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES) (ENGINEERING PLANT) ORDER 2024

The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988¹ hereby makes the following Order.

Citation, commencement and expiry

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Engineering Plant) Order 2024.
2. This Order comes into force on [00:01 xx March 2024] and will cease to have effect on [23:59 31 March 2029], unless it is revoked earlier by the Secretary of State.

Interpretation

3. In this Order—

“1986 Regulations” means the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986²

“1988 Act” means the Road Traffic Act 1988;

“1988 Regulations” means the Goods Vehicle (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988³;

“2003 Order” means the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003⁴; and

“engineering plant” has the same meaning as in paragraph 2 in Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the 2003 Order.

Authorisation

4. The vehicles specified in the Schedule to this Order are authorised by the Secretary of State for use on roads, notwithstanding that the said vehicles do not comply in all respects with the requirements of the 2003 Order, subject to the following conditions in articles 5 to 7.

¹ 1988 c. 52, section 44 was amended by paragraph 51 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40) and by paragraph 103 of Schedule 1(2) to the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).

² S.I. 1986/1078.

³ S.I. 1988/1478.

⁴ S.I. 2003/1998.

Restrictions on towing of trailers

5. The vehicles specified in the Schedule to this Order may tow a trailer of a kind not specified in paragraph 14(2) in Schedule 3 to the 2003 Order provided that—
- (a) the vehicle is wheeled engineering plant;
 - (b) the vehicle is engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of roads;
 - (c) the overall length of the vehicle does not exceed 8 metres;
 - (d) the trailer is a wheeled trailer and complies in all respects with the requirements of the 1986 Regulations; and
 - (e) the trailer is—
 - i) unladen; or
 - ii) being used solely for the carriage of materials and tools required for construction, maintenance or repair of roads.

Speed restrictions

6. The vehicles specified in the Schedule to this Order may travel at speeds not exceeding 20 miles per hour on non-motorway roads provided that—
- (a) the vehicle is wheeled engineering plant;
 - (b) the vehicle is engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of roads;
 - (c) the vehicle complies with paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 to the 2003 Order; and
 - (d) the overall length of the vehicle does not exceed 8 metres.

General

7. Whilst operating under this Order and notwithstanding the exemptions under regulation 44(1)(e) of the 1988 Regulations, the vehicle and trailer must comply in all respects with the requirements under section 53(1) and (2) of the 1988 Act.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State [xx March 2024].

[SIGNATURE]

[Name]

[Vehicle Certification Agency]

SCHEDULE

Vehicles details to which this Order applies

S/ No	Vehicle make and model	Vehicle Registration Number	Vehicle Identification No	Number of Axles	Vehicle Operator
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
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