

Statutory Document No. 2023/0258

*Road Traffic Act 1985*

## ROAD VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES) (NO.2) ORDER 2023<sup>1</sup>

*Laid before Tynwald: 21 November 2023*

*Coming into operation: in accordance with article 2.*

The Department of Infrastructure makes the following Order under paragraph 3(1) and (2) of Schedule 2 to of the Road Traffic Act 1985.

### 1 Title

This Order is the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (No.2) Order 2023.

### 2 Commencement

This Order comes into operation on the day after it is made<sup>1</sup>.

### 3 Interpretation

In this Order —

“**authorisation requirements**” means the requirements referred to in articles 5 to 7;

“**Construction, Equipment and Weights Regulations**” means the Road Vehicles (Construction, Equipment and Weights) Regulations 2012<sup>2</sup>;

“**longer semi-trailer**” means a semi-trailer (other than an abnormal indivisible load vehicle, a low loader or a stepframe low loader), in respect of which the longitudinal distance from the axis of the king pin to the rear of the trailer exceeds —

- (a) 12.5 metres, in the case of a car transporter; or
- (b) 12 metres, in any other case,

<sup>1</sup> Section 36 (default procedure is laying only) of the Legislation Act 2015 applies to an order made under paragraph 3(1) and (2) of Schedule 2 to of the Road Traffic Act 1985.

<sup>2</sup> SD 2012/0326.

(but a semi-trailer which is capable of extension is only a longer semi-trailer when extended so that it exceeds the above distances);

“**low loader**” has the same meaning as in regulation 3(1) of the Maintenance and Use Regulations;

“**Maintenance and Use Regulations**” means the Road Vehicles (Maintenance and Use) Regulations 2012<sup>3</sup>;

“**semi-trailer**” has the same meaning as in regulation 3(1) of the Maintenance and Use Regulations;

“**stepframe low loader**” has the same meaning as in regulation 3(1) of the Maintenance and Use Regulations.

#### **4 Longer semi-trailer – road use**

Subject to the authorisation requirements, the use on the roads of longer semi-trailer is authorised.

#### **5 Longer semi-trailer – legislation which applies as authorisation requirements**

A longer semi-trailer must comply with the following –

- (a) Construction, Equipment and Weights Regulations;
- (b) Maintenance and Use Regulations, apart from regulation 82 and, regulation 90(4);
- (c) Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 2014<sup>4</sup>;
- (d) Long or Heavy Vehicles (Designated Roads) Order 2015<sup>5</sup>;
- (e) Good Vehicles (Plating) Regulations 1998, as if it was a semi-trailer under those Regulations<sup>6</sup>.

#### **6 Longer semi-trailer – length requirements**

- (1) The longitudinal distance from the axis of the kingpin to the rear of a longer semi-trailer must not exceed 14.05 metres.
- (2) The distance parallel to the longitudinal axis of the longer semi-trailer from the foremost part of the loading area to the rear of the trailer must not exceed 15.65 metres.
- (3) The overall length of an articulated vehicle which includes a longer semi-trailer must not exceed 18.55 metres.

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<sup>3</sup> SD 2012/0323.

<sup>4</sup> SD 2014/0011.

<sup>5</sup> SD 2015/0331, as amended by SD 202/0041.

<sup>6</sup> SD 1998/0348.

**7 Longer semi-trailer – other construction requirements**

- (1) A longer semi-trailer must have a minimum of three axles, one of which must be capable of steering.
- (2) Where the maximum authorised weight of a vehicle combination determined in accordance with Part 4 of Schedule 6 of the Construction, Equipment and Weights Regulations exceeds 38000kg and that combination includes a longer semi-trailer, the longer semi-trailer must be equipped with an on-board weighing device.
- (3) In paragraph (2), “on-board weighing device” means a device capable of determining either the weight of the longer semi-trailer or its axle weights.
- (4) A load carried by a longer semi-trailer must not have a rearward projection.

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## ENDNOTES

### Table of Endnote References

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<sup>1</sup> The format of this legislation has been changed as provided for under section 75 of, and paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to, the Legislation Act 2015. The changes have been approved by the Attorney General after consultation with the Clerk of Tynwald as required by section 76 of the Legislation Act 2015.