

Statutory Document No. 24/2013



*Road Traffic Act 1985*

## **ROAD VEHICLES (AUTHORISATION OF SPECIAL TYPES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDER 2013**

*Made:* 14 February 2013  
*Coming into Operation:* 14 February 2013

The Department of Infrastructure makes the following Order under section 74(1) and (2) of, and paragraph 3(1) and (2) of Schedule 2 to, the Road Traffic Act 1985.

### **1 Title**

This Order is the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2013.

### **2 Duration**

This Order comes into operation on 14 February 2013 and expires on 14 March 2013.

### **3 Amendment of Order**

(1) The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) General Order 2000<sup>1</sup> is further amended as follows

(2) After article 9 insert —

#### **“9A Articulated buses**

(1) The use on roads of an articulated bus is authorised by the Department if —

- (a) its overall length does not exceed 18.75 m;
- (b) its maximum total laden weight does not exceed 27000 kg;
- (c) it is fitted with a grab handle or hand rail for the use of each standing passenger; and

<sup>1</sup> SD 323/00

(d) in the case of an articulated bus first used on or after 1 April 1982, it complies with paragraph (2).

(2) An articulated bus complies with this paragraph if —

(a) the connecting section of the 2 parts of the vehicle is constructed so as to comply with the provisions relating to such a section specified in paragraph 5.9 of ECE Regulation 36.03;

(b) the vehicle is so constructed that when it is moving in a straight line the longitudinal median planes of its 2 parts coincide and form a continuous plane without any deflection; and

(c) when the vehicle moves forward from rest on either lock so that its outermost point describes a circle of 12.5 m radius, no part of the vehicle projects by more than 1.2 m beyond the longitudinal plane which, at the beginning of the manoeuvre, defines the overall width of the vehicle on the side opposite to the direction in which it is turning.

(3) For the purposes of calculating —

the maximum total laden weight of an articulated bus; or

(a) the weight transmitted to the road surface by its wheels together in line transversely,

each such weight must be calculated by reference to the vehicle when it is complete and fully equipped for service with —

(i) a full supply of water, oil and fuel, and

(ii) a weight of 63.5 kg for each person (including crew) —

(A) for whom a seat is provided in the position in which he or she may be seated, and

(B) who may be lawfully carried standing, the total of such weights being reasonably distributed in the space in which such persons may be so carried.

(4) In this article —

“articulated bus” means a bus so constructed that —

(a) it can be divided into 2 parts, both of which are vehicles and one of which is a motor vehicle, but cannot be so divided without the use of facilities normally available only at a workshop, and

(b) passengers carried by it can at all times pass from either part to the other;

“ECE Regulation 36.03” means Regulation 36 (with the amendments in force on 6 February 2013) annexed to the Agreement concerning the adoption of uniform conditions of approval for motor vehicle equipment and parts and reciprocal recognition thereof concluded by members of the United Nations’ Economic Commission for Europe (Cmnd 2535) as amended (Cmnd 3562).

#### **4 Revocation**

The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (Amendment) Order 2013<sup>2</sup> is revoked.

**MADE 14 FEBRUARY 2013**

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*Minister for Infrastructure*

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<sup>2</sup> SD 0017/2013



*EXPLANATORY NOTE*

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order permits for a short trial period the use of articulated buses on roads if they comply with prescribed requirements relating to their length, turning circle, construction, and weight.