



Statutory Document No 184/93

THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1985

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 1993

Approved by Tynwald 18 May, 1993

Coming into operation 24th May, 1993

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Highways, Ports and Properties by paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Act 1985 (a), and of all other enabling powers, the following Regulations are hereby made:-

Citation, and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 1993.

(2) Subject to section 74(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1985, these Regulations shall come into operation on the 24th May, 1993.

Amendment of the principal regulations

2. (1) The Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1979 (b) are amended as follows.

(2) The following Regulation shall be substituted for Regulation 19-

"Fuel tanks

19. (1) This regulation applies to every fuel tank which is fitted to a wheeled vehicle for the purpose of supplying fuel to the propulsion unit or to an ancillary engine or to any other equipment forming part of the vehicle.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3), (4) and (5), every fuel tank to which this regulation applies -

(a) shall be constructed and maintained so that the leakage of any liquid from the tank is adequately prevented;

(b) shall be constructed and maintained so that leakage of vapour from the tank is adequately prevented; and

(a) 1985 c.23

(b) GC. 133/79

(c) if it contains petroleum spirit (as defined in section 3 of the Dangerous Goods Act 1928 (c) and is fitted to a vehicle first used on or after 1st July 1973, shall be -

(i) made only of metal; and

(ii) fixed in such a position and so maintained as to be reasonably secure from damage.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirement of paragraph (2)(b), the fuel tank may be fitted with a device which, by the intake of air or the emission of vapour, relieves changes of pressure in the tank.

(4) Sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (2)(c) shall not have effect in relation to a two-wheeled motor cycle (with or without a side-car) first used on or after 1st February 1993.

(5) Instead of complying with the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) as to construction, a vehicle may comply with the requirements of Community Directive 70/221 (insofar as they relate to fuel tanks) or ECE Regulation 34 or 34.01 or, if the vehicle is an agricultural motor vehicle, of Community Directive 74/151."

(3) Regulation 97 is revoked.

MADE this 28th. day of April, 1993.

David North

MINISTER
for Highways, Ports and Properties

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not a part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1979 as follows -

Regulation 19 of the 1979 Regulations is re-enacted and requires petrol tanks fitted to vehicles first used on or after the 1st July 1973 to be made of metal. The amendment exempts motor cycles first used on or after 1st February 1993 from this requirement. Vehicles which comply with Community Directive 70/221 or ECE Regulation 34 or 34.01 and agricultural motor vehicle which comply with Community Directive 74/151 are also exempted.

(c) XII p.476