

Aide Memoire for notification requirements for the movement of Abnormal Indivisible Loads or vehicles by road when not complying with The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (commonly known as C & U)

Weight

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| Gross weight of vehicle carrying the load exceeding C & U limits up to and including 80,000kgs (78.74 tons) | 2 clear working days' notice with indemnity to Road and Bridge Authorities. |
| Gross weight of vehicle carrying the load exceeding 80,000kgs up to and including 150,000kgs (147.63 tons) | 2 clear working days' notice to Police and 5 clear days' notice with indemnity to Road and Bridge Authorities. |
| Gross weight of vehicle carrying the load exceeding 150,000kgs (147.63 tons) | National Highways Special Order* plus 5 clear working days' notice to Police and 5 clear days' notice with indemnity to Road and Bridge Authorities |
| Gross axle weight carrying the load exceeding 16,500kgs (16.24 tons) | National Highways Special Order* plus 5 clear working days' notice to Police and 5 clear days' notice with indemnity to Road and Bridge Authorities |

Width

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| C & U loads:- width exceeding 2.9m (9ft 6ins) up to and including 4.3m (14ft 1 ins) | 2 clear working days' notice to Police |
| STGO loads:- width exceeding 3.0m (9ft 10ins) up to and including 5.0m (16ft 5ins) | |
| Width exceeding 5.0m (16ft 5ins) up to and including 6.1m (20ft) | National Highways form VR1** plus 2 clear working days' notice to Police |
| Width exceeding 6.1m (20ft) | National Highways Special Order* plus 5 clear working days' notice to Police and 5 clear days' notice with indemnity to Road and Bridge Authorities |

Length

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| C&U loads:- length exceeding 18.65m (61ft 2in) up to and including 27.4m (90ft) - See C&U Regulations 1986 for definition of length | 2 clear working days' notice to Police |
| STGO loads:- length exceeding 18.75m (61ft 6 ins) - See part 2, article 12 of the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003 (Commonly known as STGO) for definition of length | |
| Overall length of a part 2 vehicle-combination exceeding 25.9m (85ft) and up to and including 30m (98ft 43ins). | 2 clear working days' notice to Police |
| Maximum length exceeding 30.0m (98ft 43ins) – see STGO Schedule 1, part 4, paragraph 25 for definition of maximum length | National Highways Special Order* plus 5 clear working days' notice to Police and 5 clear days' notice with indemnity to Road and Bridge Authorities. |
| NB For some very light loads, such as yacht masts, that are moved on conventional motor vehicles not exceeding 12,000kgs gross weight or trailers not exceeding 10,000kgs gross weight, a National Highways' Special Order* will be required if the rigid length exceeds 27.4m (89ft 11ins) | |

Overhanging Loads

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| Front & Rear Overhanging Loads Projections exceeding 3.05 metres (10ft 01ins) rearwards and/or forwards | 2 clear working days' notice to Police (C&U Schedule 12, paragraph 1), Attendant required (C&U Schedule 12, paragraph 2), Marker boards required (C&U Schedule 12, paragraph 3). https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overhanging-loads-on-vehicles/overhanging-loads |
| Side Overhanging Loads Over 0.305 metres (1ft) lateral projection on either side | 2 clear working days' notice to Police (C&U schedule 12, paragraph 4), Marker boards front and rear (C&U Schedule 12, paragraph 3), Additional lights required during hours of darkness or poor visibility. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overhanging-loads-on-vehicles/overhanging-loads |

NOTE 1 “Clear days’ Notice” excludes Saturdays, Sundays or a public holiday in any part of Great Britain in relation to movements authorised by the Special Types General Order only, there being no such exclusion in Special Orders unless specifically stated.

NOTE 2 There is no statutory limit governing the overall height of a load, however, when applying for a Special Order or VR1 it should, wherever possible, not exceed 4.95m (16ft 3ins) in order that the maximum use can be made of the motorway and trunk road network.

NOTE 3 The notification requirements for mobile cranes can be found in the Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003, statutory instrument number 1998 (Part 2 Articles 10 to 18), which is available on the OPSI website: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2003/1998/contents/made>

NOTE 4 Application to move Special Types or Special Purpose vehicles, such as very large agricultural vehicles, that may not be fully permitted by the Construction & Use (C&U) Regulations or fall outside the scope of the Special Types General Order should be made to the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA). Their website is at <https://www.vehicle-certification-agency.gov.uk/>

*A Special Order application can be completed and submitted online at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/abnormal-loads-and-the-esdal-system/>. The Special Order application form BE16 can also be downloaded and e-mailed to the address below. Approval is not automatic and is at the discretion of the National Highways Abnormal Loads Team acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport. To ensure that the necessary clearances can be obtained in good time from the Police, Highway and Bridge Authorities, you should request permission for the move by returning the completed form 10 weeks prior to the scheduled date of the move. In fact you cannot apply too early and we invite manufacturers or hauliers to contact us at pre tender stage, before making a financial commitment to supply the load, to check whether permission would be granted.

** A VR1 application can be completed and submitted online at <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/abnormal-loads-and-the-esdal-system/>. The form can also be downloaded and e-mailed to the address below. Approval is not automatic and is at the discretion of the National Highways Abnormal Loads Team acting on behalf of The Secretary of State for Transport. To ensure that the necessary formalities can be completed in good time, you should request permission for the move by submitting the completed form 2 weeks prior to the date of the scheduled move. Again, you cannot apply too early and we invite manufacturers or hauliers to contact us at pre-tender stage, before making a financial commitment to supply the load, to check whether permission would be granted.

**Forms and enquiries to:
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