

Index of Amendments to the Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) Regulations

ITEM	REGULATION TITLE	S.I. NO.	BRIEF STATEMENT OF EFFECT
1	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963	189 of 1963	To prescribe the lamps and reflectors with which vehicles are required to be fitted while being used in public places and the circumstances and the manner in which they are to be used.
2	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1967	32 of 1967	To permit use of obstruction lamps and search lights on certain airport vehicles; use of a blue flashing light on blood delivery vehicles; simultaneous use of all amber flashing indicators on a stationary vehicle as a danger warning, and use of undipped lamps in built-up areas in certain circumstances.
3	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1970	128 of 1970	To make obligatory the display of reflex and fluorescent marking on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the rear and side of certain goods vehicles and goods trailers and • the sides of trailers in combinations of vehicles where the overall length of the combination or of the combination and its load exceeds 11 metres.
4	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1979	328 of 1979	To allow for the fitting and use of amber flashing lamps on certain categories of stationary or slow moving vehicles on public roads.
5	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1985	157 of 1985	To provide as from 1st January, 1986 for the fitting of a "Long Vehicle" sign or signs on the rear of goods vehicles exceeding 13 metres in length.



6	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1989	267 of 1989	To provide for the use of a flashing blue light on a private car being used by a senior fire officer in the performance of his duty.
7	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1991	182 of 1991	To permit the optional fitting and use of a centre high mounted stop lamp on a motor vehicle in addition to mandatory lower level stop lamps.
8	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1994	3 of 1994	To permit the fitting and use of amber flashing warning lights on Customs and Excise patrol vehicles.
9	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 1996	137 of 1996	To consolidate and update the statutory provisions in relation to the use of flashing blue or amber warning lights on certain vehicles and to permit the use of blue flashing lights on Irish Marine Emergency Service vehicles.
10	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Blue and Amber Lamps) Regulations 2006	342 of 2006	<p>These Regulations consolidate and update the statutory provisions in relation to the use of flashing blue or amber warning lights on certain vehicles. Under the Regulations, blue flashing lights may be used on vehicles used by the Gardaí, the fire service, an ambulance service, the Irish Marine Emergency Service, the Irish Prison Service and vehicles used for the delivery or collection of human transplant organs, human blood or human blood products.</p> <p>Amber lights may be used on a breakdown vehicle, a road clearance vehicle, a road works vehicle, a vehicle used in the collection and disposal of refuse, a vehicle used in the provision or maintenance of telephone services or of gas or electricity supply and a Customs and Excise patrol vehicle.</p> <p>These Regulations complement the Road Traffic (Requirement to have Audible Warning Devices on Vehicles) Regulations, 2006 (S.I. No. 340 of 2006) which amend the Road</p>



			Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963 to 1996 to permit the use of sirens on certain vehicles.
11	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2009	487 of 2009	These Regulations make it legal for pedal cyclists to use the flashing front and rear lamps that are in common usage.
12	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Blue and Amber Lamps) (Amendment) Regulations 2011	695 of 2011	<p>These Regulations update the statutory provisions in relation to the use of flashing blue or amber warning lights on certain vehicles. Under the Regulations, blue flashing lights may be used on vehicles used by the Gardaí, a fire service, an ambulance service, the Irish Coast Guard, Military Police vehicles, the Irish Prison Service and vehicles used for the delivery or collection of human transplant organs, human blood or human blood products.</p> <p>Amber lights may be used on a breakdown vehicle, a road clearance vehicle, a road works vehicle, a vehicle used in the collection and disposal of refuse, a vehicle used in the provision or maintenance of telephone services or of gas or electricity supply and a Customs and Excise patrol vehicle.</p>
13	Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.	249 of 2014	<p>These regulations amend the Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) Regulations 1963 (S.I. No. 189 of 1963) to update and consolidate the lighting-related requirements for agricultural, fisheries, forestry and horticultural vehicles (including agricultural tractors, self-propelled agricultural machines, agricultural trailers, interchangeable towed equipment and fully mounted agricultural equipment). These improvements take effect from 1 January 2016.</p> <p>Agricultural tractors and self-propelled agricultural machines must be equipped with lighting systems (including side lamps, head lamps, rear lamps, stop lamps, direction indicators and number plate lighting) at all times and not only during lighting up hours. However an exemption is provided from these requirements for agricultural tractors and self-propelled agricultural machines manufactured or first registered prior to 1 January 1980 and any agricultural trailer, fully mounted agricultural equipment or piece of interchangeable towed equipment being drawn by or attached to them provided such a vehicle or combination of vehicles are being used during daylight hours only. Agricultural tractors and self-propelled agricultural machines must also be</p>



			<p>fitted with a flashing amber beacon, with an exemption from this requirement being provided for vintage agricultural tractors taking part in vintage rallies.</p> <p>In instances where an agricultural tractor or self-propelled agricultural machine has its lights obscured by an agricultural trailer, piece of interchangeable towed equipment or fully mounted agricultural equipment drawn by or attached to it (either on the front or to the rear of the vehicle), such an agricultural trailer, piece of interchangeable towed equipment or fully mounted agricultural equipment must instead be fitted with a lighting board displaying the required lighting.</p> <p>With the exception of agricultural trailers and pieces of interchangeable towed equipment manufactured prior to 1 January 1980 being drawn by an agricultural tractor or self-propelled agricultural machine manufactured or first registered prior to this date, agricultural trailers and interchangeable towed equipment must be equipped with side lamps, rear lamps, stop lamps, direction indicators and identification mark lighting. They must also be fitted with a marker lamp on their right hand side if, when coupled to an agricultural tractor, the overall length of the combination exceeds 10 metres. Marker lamps fitted to trailers manufactured on or after 1 January 2016 must comply with modern UN/ECE specifications.</p> <p>Agricultural trailers with a design gross vehicle weight exceeding 3,500kg must also be fitted with reflective rear markings and those with a design gross vehicle weight exceeding 3,500kg and forming part of a combination of vehicles exceeding 10 metres in overall length must, in addition to the reflective rear markings, be fitted with reflective side markings. Rear and side markings fitted to trailers manufactured on or after 1 January 2016 must comply with modern UN/ECE specifications.</p> <p>Finally, a rear ‘LONG VEHICLE’ marking must be fitted to agricultural trailers forming part of a combination of vehicles exceeding 13 metres in overall length.</p>
14	ROAD TRAFFIC (LIGHTING OF VEHICLES) (AMENDMENT)	639 of 2020	These regulations amend the Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) Regulations 1963 (S.I. No. 189 of 1963) to provide for the fitting of raised front lamps for road clearance vehicles in order to allow the safe removal of snow, ice and frost from road surfaces. Additionally, the statutory



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provisions in relation to the use of blue or amber warning lights on certain vehicles have been revised.

