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CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC  
VIENNA, 8 NOVEMBER 1968

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND: RATIFICATION

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary, communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 28 March 2018, with:

Reservations, declarations and notification (Original: English)

**Reservations**

(1) The United Kingdom does not consider itself bound by the provisions of the following Articles:

- (i) Article 20(6)(b)
- (ii) the second sentence of Article 23(2)(a)
- (iii) Article 25 bis (2)
- (iv) Article 32(6), (8), (9) and (10)

(2) In relation to Article 30(4), the United Kingdom does not consider itself bound by the requirements of this provision in so far as it relates to loads projecting up to 2m from the front or rear of vehicles.

(3) In relation to Article 41, the United Kingdom reserves the right not to permit a person to drive a vehicle, other than one brought into and only temporarily in the UK, if (i) the vehicle is used for the carriage of persons for hire or reward or for the carriage of goods and (ii) the driver of such a vehicle would, by the domestic legislation of the UK, be required to have a special vocational licence.

(4) The United Kingdom reserves the right, for the purposes of the application of the Convention, to treat certain categories of Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles, as cycles.

**Declarations**

(1) The United Kingdom declares that it is compliant with many of the Rules of the Road in Chapter II of the Convention through the Highway Code, which applies in Great Britain, and the Highway Code for Northern Ireland.

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(2) In accordance with Article 54(2), the United Kingdom declares that, for the purposes of the application of the Convention, it treats mopeds as motorcycles.

(3) The United Kingdom declares that the ratification of this Convention only applies to the Metropolitan United Kingdom and does not apply to any Crown Dependency or Overseas Territory unless the United Kingdom makes an express declaration under Article 46(1), and that, until such a declaration is made, the Convention on Road Traffic made at Geneva in 1949 and the International Convention Relative to Motor Traffic made at Paris in 1926 will continue in force in relations between the contracting parties to those Conventions and the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories.

**Notification**

In accordance with Article 45(4), the United Kingdom notifies the Secretary-General that the distinguishing sign it has selected for display in international traffic on vehicles registered by it is 'GB'. The UK further notifies the Secretary-General that the distinguishing sign it will use on vehicle registration certificates issued by it, as required by Article 35(1)(c)(i), is 'UK'."

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The Convention will enter into force for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 28 March 2019 in accordance with its article 47 (2) which reads as follows:

"For each State ratifying or acceding to this Convention after the deposit of the fifteenth instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force twelve months after the date of deposit by such State of its instrument of ratification or accession."

3 April 2018

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