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## **THE ROAD VEHICLES (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMBULANCE AND FIRE VEHICLES) (GREAT BRITAIN) ORDER 2019**

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988<sup>1</sup>.

### Citation, commencement and expiry

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Ambulance and Fire Vehicles) (Great Britain) Order 2019.
2. This Order comes into force on 1 November 2019 and will cease to have effect on 1 November 2023.
3. This Order extends to Great Britain.

### Application

4. This order applies to any vehicle used by or on behalf of any of the NHS ambulance services or fire and rescue authorities listed in the schedule to this Order and that is driven primarily by an NHS ambulance service or fire and rescue authority responder or member of staff, and -
  - (i) is being used for an ambulance purpose, including for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service to which this Order applies, or
  - (ii) is being used for a fire and rescue authority purpose, or
  - (iii) is being driven for purposes necessary to ensure the continued availability of the vehicle for a purpose specified in subparagraphs (i) or (ii) above.

### Authorisation

5. The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986<sup>2</sup> have effect in relation to vehicles to which this Order applies as if the following modifications were made to regulation 109(1):
  - (i) in sub-paragraph (c), the word "or" is omitted; and
  - (ii) after sub-paragraph (d), after the word "destination", the following is inserted-  
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    - (e) about the location of other vehicles;

<sup>1</sup> 1988 c. 52; section 44 was amended by paragraph 51 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40) and by paragraph 103 of Schedule 1(2) to the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).

<sup>2</sup> S.I. 1986/1078. Regulation 109 has not been amended at the date of making this order.

- (f) related to the operation, settings and control of approved emergency services communications systems, the display of still images and symbols used to communicate urgent ambulance or fire and rescue service information by such approved emergency services communications systems; or
- (g) any other additional information to assist an ambulance or fire and rescue service responder or member of staff in the execution of their duties, provided that such additional information can only be visible to the driver at times when the speed of the vehicle to which the apparatus is fitted does not exceed 7 miles per hour.”

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Yarnold', written in a cursive style.

Ian Yarnold  
Head - International Vehicle Standards Division

## SCHEDULE

### Article 4

#### **1. NHS ambulance services**

Chief Executive Officer  
North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
Ambulance Headquarters  
Bernicia House  
The Waterfront  
Goldcrest Way  
Newburn Riverside  
Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 8NY

Chief Executive Officer  
Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Ambulance Headquarters  
Springhill,  
Brindley Way  
Wakefield, WF2 0XQ

Chief Executive Officer  
North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Ladybridge Hall Headquarters  
Chorley New Road  
Bolton, BL1 5DD

Chief Executive Officer  
West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
Headquarters  
Millennium Point  
Waterfront Business Park  
Waterfront Way  
Brierley Hill  
West Midlands, DY5 1LX

Chief Executive Officer  
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
1 Horizon Place  
Mellors Way  
Nottingham Business Park  
Nottingham, NG8 6PY

Chief Executive Officer  
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
Westcountry House  
Abbey Court  
Eagle Way  
Sowton Industrial Estate

Exeter  
Devon, EX2 7HY

Chief Executive Officer  
South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
Unit 7 &8 Talisman Business Centre  
Talisman Road  
Bicester  
Oxfordshire, OX26 6HR

Chief Executive Officer  
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Nexus House  
4 Gatwick Road  
Crawley, RH10 9BG

Chief Executive Officer  
London Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
220 Waterloo Road  
London, SE1 8SD

Chief Executive Officer  
East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Whiting Way  
Melbourn  
Cambridgeshire, SG8 6EN

Chief Executive Officer  
Isle of Wight NHS Trust Ambulance Service  
Ambulance Headquarters  
St Mary's Hospital  
Parkhurst Rd  
Newport, PO30 5TG

Chief Executive Officer  
Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Ty Elwy  
Unit 7  
Ffordd Richard Davies  
St Asaph Business Park  
St Asaph  
Denbighshire, LL17 0LJ

Chief Executive Officer  
Scottish Ambulance Service Board  
Gyle Square

1 South Gyle Crescent  
Edinburgh, EH12 9EB

**2. Fire and rescue authorities (as provided for by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004<sup>1</sup> and the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005<sup>2</sup>)**

Chief Fire Officer  
Avon Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Cleveland Fire Brigade

Chief Fire Officer  
Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Durham Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Essex Fire and Rescue Service

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<sup>1</sup> 2004 c. 21.

<sup>2</sup> 2005 asp 5.

Chief Fire Officer  
Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Guernsey Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Humberside Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Isle of Man Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Isles of Scilly Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Jersey Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Kent Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Service

London Fire Commissioner  
London Fire Brigade

Chief Fire Officer

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
West Midlands Fire Service

Chief Fire Officer  
West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
North Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Chief Fire Officer  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service



**Notes for Guidance.** *(These are not part of the Order)*

1. Any information permitted to be displayed under regulation 109(1)(g) of the Road Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986, as modified by article 5 of this Order, should not be visible to the driver of a vehicle whilst it is in motion, and systems are expected to be designed to cut out such displays as soon as they detect that the vehicle is in motion.

The speed allowance of 7mph is included in the modified regulation to allow for detection delays and limitations in equipment sensitivity, regardless of whether vehicle motion is detected by satellite positioning or vehicle sensors.

2. Whereas this Order modifies regulation 109(1) to allow ambulance or fire and rescue service information which is operationally necessary to be visible to drivers, it is not intended to allow communication by text beyond that which is ancillary to the operation of onboard systems. Text communication and text data records give rise to an unacceptable risk of driver distraction and may not be visible to the driver whilst the vehicle is in motion as per regulation 109(1)(g), as modified by this Order.