

2008 No. 1332

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Traffic Offenders (Prescribed Devices) Order 2008

Made - - - - *20th May 2008*

Laid before Parliament *22nd May 2008*

Coming into force - - *16th June 2008*

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred upon her by section 20(9) of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988(a):

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic Offenders (Prescribed Devices) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 16th June 2008.

2. In this Order—

“odometer pulses” means the signals derived from sensors in a motor vehicle monitoring either the rotation of a wheel or wheels or the final component of the vehicle which transfers power from the engine to the wheels, such as an axle, at a rate which is proportional to the distance travelled by that vehicle.

3. The following device is prescribed for the purposes of section 20 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (speeding offences etc: admissibility of certain offences), that is to say, a manually activated device designed or adapted for recording the measurement of the speed of a motor vehicle (“vehicle A”) from another motor vehicle (“vehicle B”) by—

- (a) measuring the time taken by vehicle A to pass two positions on the road either directly or by reference to the time taken by vehicle B to pass the same two positions on the road;
- (b) recording the distance between the two positions by counting the odometer pulses from vehicle B as it travels between the two positions; and
- (c) calculating the average speed of vehicle A over the distance between the two positions by reference to the time recorded in sub-paragraph (a) and the distance either calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) or measured manually.

Home Office
20th May 2008

Vernon Coaker
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

(a) 1988 c. 53 as amended by section 23 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 c. 40.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Order prescribes a type of speed detection device for the purposes of section 20 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988, as substituted by section 23 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 (speeding offences etc: admissibility of certain evidence). This means that devices of this type can be approved by the Secretary of State and the record produced from those approved devices can then be adduced as evidence in proceedings for certain road traffic offences when accompanied by an appropriately signed certificate as to the circumstances of its production. The Order permits the use of devices that record the time it takes for a vehicle to travel between two points on a road by manual activation and which are capable of measuring the distance between those two points by means of the odometer pulses of the vehicle to which they are fitted.

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