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Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/883

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/883 is an EU law adopted on March 21, 2024, that amends and corrects Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/535 regarding vehicle type-approval and general safety requirements.

Key Modifications and Requirements

The regulation introduces several adjustments to vehicle safety and type-approval standards, including:

- **Trailer Registration Plates:** Adds provisions for a second rear plate space (exempting categories O1- O2, applying to new O3/O4 types from July 2024 and general registration from July 2026)

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Category O1 Specifications

Key Specifications & Requirements

Feature	Category O1 Specification
Maximum Mass (MTPM / MAM)	**Center-axle trailer up to 750 kg**
Common Examples	Small luggage trailers, private utility trailers, small equipment/boat trailers, light drawbar trailers.
Brake Requirements	Not legally obligatory under EU rules.
Lighting Requirements	Basic rear lights, brake lights, direction indicators, and a number plate light (no extra side markers required for small sizes) **7/PIN**
License Requirements (EU)	**Can generally be towed with a standard Category B driving license (subject to total combined vehicle and trailer weight limits)**

Category O2 Specifications

Key Specifications & Requirements

Feature	Category O2 Specification
Mass Limit	**Center-axle trailer over 750 kg and up to 3,500 kg (Maximum Authorized Mass / Gross Vehicle Weight**)
Common Types	Braked box trailers, caravans, horse boxes, small vehicle transporters, and construction/trade trailers
Braking Requirements	Must feature an active braking system. The service braking system must apply to all wheels of the trailer. **(mandatory)**
Lighting Requirements	Rear lights, reverse light, brake lights, indicators, license plate light, plus side marker lights and side reflectors depending on width and length. **13/PIN (mandatory)**
Driver's License (EU)	**Standard Category B license allows towing an O2 trailer if the combined maximum mass of car and trailer is 3,500 kg or less;** **A Category BE license is required for heavier O2 combinations up to 3,500 kg for the trailer alone.**

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Category O3 Specifications

Key Specifications and Requirements

Feature	Category O3 Specification
Weight Range (Maximum Mass)	**Trailer / Semi-trailer over 3,500 kg and up to 10,000 kg**
Service Braking System Type	Must be of a continuous or semi-continuous type (connected via hoses or control lines to the towing vehicle's braking system). **Simple mechanical inertia/overrun brakes are not permitted for O3 trailers.**
Wheel Application	The service braking system must apply to all wheels of the trailer.
Anti-Lock Braking (ABS)	**Must be fitted with an ABS (Anti-lock Braking System) / electronic braking/stability support (such as EBS or iEBS with roll stability support).**
Breakaway / Safety Device	In the event that the road train breaks apart during travel, a safety cable or emergency device must automatically trigger the trailer's braking system.
Secondary / Graduated Braking	When the towing vehicle's secondary braking system is activated, it must produce a graduated braking action on the trailer.
Lighting & Indicators	Subject to UNECE R48 regulations (such as synchronized side-flashing indicators)
Dual License Plate Rule	**Must be fitted with two separate mounting positions and lighting for rear number plates (as per EU Regulation 2024/883)**