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# Proposed new statutory instrument: Cycle Racing on the Highways (Tour de France 2014) Regulations 2014

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# Executive summary

1. The Government proposes to put in place a statutory instrument (SI) to facilitate the holding of the stages of the Tour de France cycle race planned to take place in England in 2014. This SI will raise the normal maximum imposed on the total number of competitors for a cycle race on the highway. It will also temporally supersede provisions within existing cycle racing regulations that put restrictions on the design of the route. This SI will be time-limited and relevant only to the Tour de France in 2014, and no other races. A similar SI was put in place in 1994 for Tour de France stages held in England in that year.
2. This proposed SI does not change the Cycle Racing on the Highway Regulations (1960). It is a related but separate instrument that only affects the organisation of the stages of the Tour de France that take place in England in 2014. This consultation is not considering the regulation of other cycle racing or events.
3. This consultation does not affect consideration of the changes proposed to the Cycle Racing on the Highway Regulation (1960) as part of the Government's Red Tape Challenge <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/proposed-changes-to-the-cycle-racing-on-the-highway-regulations-1960>. That consultation is closed and responses are being considered.

## How to respond

The consultation period began on 17 February and will run until 27 March. Please ensure that your response reaches us before the closing date.

Please send consultation responses to:

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When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of a larger organisation, please make it clear who the organisation represents and, where applicable, how the views of members were assembled.

## Freedom of Information

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act (DPA) and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

## Proposed purpose of statutory instrument: Cycle Racing on the Highways (Tour de France 2014) Regulations 2014

### 1.1 The proposed SI will:

- Come into force on 1st May 2014, and cease to have effect on 31st July 2014.
- Be relevant only to those stages of the Tour de France held in England in 2014.
- For those races only, have the effect of temporarily raising the maximum limit of competitor numbers stated in section 5 (1) (a) (i) of the Cycle Racing on the Highway Regulations (1960)  
[See: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1980/1185/pdfs/ukxi\\_19801185\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1980/1185/pdfs/ukxi_19801185_en.pdf)
- For those races only, remove the restrictions on permissible routes as set out in section 5 (1) (a) (iii) and (iv) of the Cycle Racing on the Highway Regulations (1960)

### 1.2 Other than these provisions, the existing regulations as set out in the Cycle Racing on the Highway Regulations (1960) shall apply.

## Background

### 1.3 Cycle racing on the public highway is regulated under the 'Cycle Racing on the Highways 1960' made under the Road Traffic Act 1988 (RTA) sections 31(1) – (5).

### 1.4 Under section 31(2) of the RTA: - The Secretary of State may by regulations authorise, or provide for authorising, for the purposes of subsection (1) above, the holding on a public way other than a bridleway –

- (a) of races or trials of speed of any class or description or,
- (b) of a particular race or trial of speed,

### 1.5 in such cases may be prescribed and subject to such conditions as may be imposed by or under the regulation. The general power to make regulations under the RTA is set out in section 195 of the RTA.

### 1.6 Please submit any comments by 27 March 2014. Please email Joe Finlay for further details ([joe.finlay@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:joe.finlay@dft.gsi.gov.uk)).

# What will happen next?

A summary of responses, including the next steps, will be published within three months of the consultation closing.

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The consultation is being conducted in line with the Government's key consultation principles which are listed below. Further information is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>

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