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# ROAD TRAFFIC

## The Distance Over Time Speed Measuring Device Approval 1999

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 20(4) and (5) of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (a) (Speeding offences etc: admissibility of certain evidence) and having prescribed for the purposes of that section a device designed or adapted for recording a measurement of the speed of motor vehicles by means of unattended cameras capturing images of a vehicle at each of two pre-determined positions on the road and by recording the time at each position and calculating the average speed over that distance (b), hereby approves as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999 for the purpose of detection of offences specified in section 20(2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) the type of such device known as the **Speed Violation Detection Deterrent (SVDD)**, manufactured by Symonds Group Ltd.

Home Office  
March 1999

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Paul Boateng  
Minister of State

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Approval)*

Section 20 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (as amended) provides for the admissibility in evidence of records from prescribed devices. Such devices must be of a description prescribed by the Secretary of State and of a type approved by him for the purpose of that section. By the Road Traffic Offenders (Prescribed Devices) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/162), the Secretary of State prescribed devices designed or adapted for recording a measurement of the speed of motor vehicles by means of unattended cameras capturing images of a vehicle at each of two pre-determined positions on the road and by recording the time at each position and calculating the average speed over that distance. This approval approves as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999 for the purpose of the detection of speeding offences the type of device known as the **Speed Violation Detection Deterrent (SVDD)**.

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- (a) 1988 c.53, section 20 was substituted by section 23 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40).
  - (b) The Road Traffic Offenders (Prescribed Devices) Order 1999 (S.I.1999/162).