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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND AND  
WALES**

**The Town and Country Planning General Development  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1987**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>28th April 1987</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>6th May 1987</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>1st June 1987</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 24 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971(a) and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Town and Country Planning General Development (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1987.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 1st June 1987.

2. The Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1977(b) is amended by the substitution for Class III in Schedule 1 to that Order of the class set out in the Schedule to this Order.

**SCHEDULE**

*CLASS III. – Changes of use.*

1. Development consisting of a change of the use of a building to a use falling within class A1 (shops) of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987(c) from a use falling within class A3 (food and drink) of the Schedule to that Order, or from a use for the sale (or display for sale) of motor vehicles.

2. Development consisting of a change of the use of a building:—

- (a) to a use for any purpose falling within class B1 (business) of the Schedule to that Order from any use falling within class B2 (general industrial) or B8 (storage and distribution) of that Schedule;
- (b) to a use for any purpose within class B8 (storage and distribution) from any use within class B1 (business) or B2 (general industrial);

where the total amount of floorspace in the building used for the purposes of the undertaking does not exceed 235 square metres.

28th April 1987

*Nicholas Ridley*  
Secretary of State  
for the Environment

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1977.

Class III of Schedule 1 to the 1977 Order, as amended by S.I. 1981/245, grants planning permission for certain changes of use by reference to classes of use specified in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1972. The 1972 Order is now replaced by the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987, and this Order substitutes a new Class III of Schedule 1 to the 1977 Order based on the new classes of use set out in the 1987 Order.

The new Class III permits premises used for the sale of food and drink (class A3 of the 1987 Order) or for the sale or display of motor vehicles to be used as shops (as specified in class A1 of the 1987 Order). It also permits certain changes between classes B1 (business), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) provided the amount of floorspace in the building used for the purposes of the undertaking does not exceed 235 square metres.

The significant changes made by the 1987 Order reflected in this Order are the creation of the new food and drinks class (A3) and the creation of the new wider business class (B1) comprising office uses, use for research and industrial processes formerly within the light industrial class. As a result the scope of planning permission granted by Class III of the 1977 Order is wider.

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