

## Statement in response to Media Speculation

Safety cameras used by the police to produce evidence for court have to be of a type approved by the Secretary of State.

- The U.K. type approval process is extremely rigorous and involves both operational and laboratory testing. Details of the type approval process are laid down in the Speedmeter Handbook, available on the H.O. website: [www.scienceandresearch.homeoffice.gov.uk/hosdb/public-protection/road-safety-cameras/type-approval-testing](http://www.scienceandresearch.homeoffice.gov.uk/hosdb/public-protection/road-safety-cameras/type-approval-testing)
- It is probably the most rigorous such process in the world and very highly regarded. Manufacturers in selling their equipment in other countries are keen to proclaim its U.K. type-approved status.
- The Home Secretary only type approves devices which highly qualified and experienced H.O. scientific advisers are satisfied have passed the demanding requirements of the type approval process.
- We are satisfied that all devices currently in use merit their type-approved status and that if they are used in line with any conditions laid down in their type approval order, with the manufacturers' instructions and with A.C.P.O.'s Road Policing Enforcement Technology Code of Practice for Operational Use. The Code is available on the A.C.P.O. website at [www.acpo.police.uk/policies.asp](http://www.acpo.police.uk/policies.asp)