STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 570
COUNTER-INFLATION
The Counter-Inflation (Hackney Carriage Fares) Order 1973

Made - - - -	*27th March* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*2nd April* 1973
Coming into Operation	*3rd April* 1973

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 13 of the Counter-Inflation Act 1973(**a**), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Counter-Inflation (Hackney Carriage Fares) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 3rd April 1973.

(2) This Order does not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

2.—(1) In this Order the expression "fares byelaw" means a byelaw fixing rates or fares to be paid for the hiring of a hackney carriage being a byelaw made—

(*a*) before 3rd April 1973 (whether or not it was confirmed by the Secretary of State before that date),

(*b*) under an Act passed before the Counter-Inflation Act 1973 ;

and any reference in this Order to rates or fares is a reference to rates or fares (including extra charges) fixed by such a byelaw by reference to time or distance or otherwise.

(2) In relation to a fares byelaw the expression "the local authority" means the local authority with power to amend that byelaw, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State, by subsequent byelaws.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. If it appears to the local authority that the rates or fares fixed by a fares byelaw should be increased for the purpose of ensuring that they correctly or sufficiently reflect the introduction of value added tax and car tax, and the abolition of purchase tax and selective employment tax, by the Finance Act 1972(**c**), they may, for that purpose but subject to the provisions of this Order, at any time before 1st May 1973 or at their first meeting on or after that date, by resolution amend that fares byelaw so as to increase those rates and fares ; and such a resolution shall not require confirmation by the Secretary of State.

4. An increase in rates or fares made in pursuance of this Order shall be either—

(*a*) an increase by a single sum, not exceeding 3p, in respect of each hiring, or

(*b*) a percentage increase, not exceeding 10%, in the rates or fares,

so, however, that a resolution providing for a percentage increase shall apply

(**a**) 1973 c. 9. (**b**) 1889 c. 63. (**c**) 1972 c. 41.

the percentage to the total rate or fare in respect of a hiring and shall provide that in calculating an increase fractions of a penny less than a half shall be ignored but that, subject as aforesaid, fractions of a penny shall be treated as a whole penny.

Robert Carr,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.

27th March 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order empowers a local authority to increase hackney carriage rates and fares which are fixed by byelaw, in so far as this appears expedient having regard to the introduction of value added tax and car tax and the abolition of purchase tax and selective employment tax. The power is exercisable at any time before 1st May 1973 or at the first meeting of the local authority on or after that date and is exercisable by resolution which does not require confirmation by the Secretary of State.

Any such increase must not exceed 3p in respect of each hiring (if expressed as a fixed amount) or 10% of the rate or fare (if expressed in percentage terms).

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