2000 No. 3207

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2000

Made - - - - -	*6th December 2000*
Laid before Parliament	*7th December 2000*
Coming into force - -	*1st January 2001*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, with the consent of the Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(**a**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st January 2001.

(2) The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 1996(**b**) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the ECMT Council" means the Council of Ministers of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport;

"ECMT licence" means a licence granted pursuant to the scheme adopted by Resolution No. 26 of the ECMT Council of 14th June 1973(**c**);

"Ecopoints" means Ecopoints issued pursuant to Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3637/92(**d**) on a system of distribution of Rights of Transit (Ecopoints) for heavy goods vehicles with a laden weight of over 7.5 tonnes registered in a Member State transiting through Austria;

"journey permit" means a permit issued pursuant to an agreement or arrangement mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule to these Regulations under the provision or one of the provisions of the agreement or arrangement mentioned opposite thereto in column 2 of that Schedule and providing for the number of outward and inward journeys stated in the permit; and

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(**a**) 1973 c. 51.
(**b**) S.I. 1996/131.
(**c**) CM(73)5 Final, ECMT 20th Annual Report and Resolutions of the Council of Ministers (1973), pp. 64-65, ISBN 92-821.
(**d**) O.J. No. L 373, 21.12.1992, p. 1.

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"removals authorisation" means an authorisation for removals carriage carried out by undertakings having special staff and equipment for the purpose granted in accordance with Resolution No. 53 of the ECMT Council of 29th and 30th May 1985(**a**) amending Resolution No. 44 of that Council of 1st June 1978(**b**) concerning the regulations governing international transport by road and the liberalisation of certain types of such transport.

Fees

3.—(1) The fee payable on the issue of an ECMT licence shall be—

(a) £74 if it is valid for a period of one year; or

(b) if it is valid for a period of less than one year, a fee at the rate of £18.50 for each period for which it is valid being—

(i) a complete period of three months;

(ii) a period of less than three months following any complete period of three months covered by the licence; or

(iii) a period of less than three months which is not followed by a complete period of three months covered by the licence.

(2) The fee payable on the issue of Ecopoints covering one journey, whether outward or inward, in respect of which they are issued shall be £2.

(3) The fee payable on the issue of a journey permit shall be—

(a) £4 if the permit covers one outward and inward journey; or

(b) £8 if the permit covers 4 outward and inward journeys to Turkey; or

(c) £28 if the permit covers 15 outward and inward journeys to Morocco.

(4) The fee payable on the issue of a removals authorisation shall be £9.

(5) All fees received under these Regulations shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

Gus Macdonald
Minister of State
Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions

4th December 2000

We consent to the making of these Regulations

Bob Ainsworth
Jim Dowd
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

6th December 2000

(**a**) CM(85)10 Final, ECMT Activity of the Conference—Resolutions of the Council of Ministers (1985), pp. 48-51, ISBN 92-821-1110-5.

(**b**) CM(80)2, ECMT Activity of the Conference—Resolutions of the Council of Ministers (1980), Vol. 1, pp. 107-110, ISBN 92-821-1072-9.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 2

In this Schedule, "Her Majesty's Government" means the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

1 *Agreement or Arrangement*	2 *Provision*
Arrangement dated 24th November 1975 between the Secretary of State for the Environment in Her Majesty's Government and the Federal Minister of the Republic of Austria on the carriage of goods by road(**a**).	Clauses 3 and 5
Agreement by exchange of letters dated 16th December 1993 between the Department of Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Belarus(**a**).	Whole
Agreement dated 16th August 1995 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of Estonia on International Road Transport(**b**).	Articles 4 and 5
Agreement by exchange of letters dated 8th September 1993 between the Department of Transport of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Transport of Germany(**a**).	Whole
Agreement dated 15th April 1994 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the International Carriage of Goods by Road(**c**).	Articles 3 and 4
Agreement dated 12th June 1969 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Romania on International Road Transport(**d**).	Article 8
Agreement dated 22nd January 1988 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics concerning International Road Transport, with Administrative Memorandum(**e**).	Article 5
Agreement dated 10th March 1982 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Tunisian Republic on the International Carriage of Goods by Road(**f**).	Article 3
Agreement dated 9th September 1977 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of Turkey concerning International Road Transport(**g**).	Articles 7 and 8
Agreement dated 13th December 1995 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of Ukraine(**h**).	Articles 5 and 6
Agreement dated 13th November 1997 between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Republic of Georgia concerning International Road Transport(**i**).	Articles 4 and 5

(**a**) Copies of these documents may be inspected at and obtained from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 2/22, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR.
(**b**) Cm. 4398.
(**c**) Cm. 4801.
(**d**) Cm. 4413.
(**e**) Cm. 657.
(**f**) Cm. 734.
(**g**) Cm. 7276.
(**h**) Cm. 4879.
(**i**) Cm. 4016.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations replace the Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 1996 ("the 1996 Regulations").

The Regulations prescribe the fees to be paid for the issue of documents authorising the operation of goods vehicles on journeys—

(a) between the United Kingdom and other member countries of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport;

(b) between the United Kingdom and certain states with whom bilateral agreements or arrangements have been concluded;

(c) in transit through Austria ("Ecopoints").

The Regulations prescribe, in regulations 3(1), 3(2), 3(3)(a) and 3(4), for increases in the fees charged previously under the 1996 Regulations in relation to, respectively, the issue of an ECMT licence, Ecopoints, a journey permit for a single outward and inward journey, and a removals authorisation as follows:

old fee	*new fee*
£40	£74
£10	£18.50
£1	£2
£2	£4
£5	£9

The Ecopoints system was created by an Agreement concluded on 30th November 1992 and taking effect on 1st January 1993 between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Austria on the transit of goods by road and rail ("the Transit Agreement") (OJ No. L373, 21.12.1992, p. 6). Under the Transit Agreement the number of Ecopoints required by a road vehicle if it is to travel through Austria is determined according to the level of nitrogen oxide which it emits. The prescribed fee is payable for the issue of Ecopoints covering one journey through Austria, whether outward, inward or transit.

In relation to the issue of journey permits other than for a single (outward and inward) journey, the fee payable is no longer based on a rate per outward or inward journey (previously £1); instead regulation 3(b) and (c) prescribes rates for journey permits of 4 journeys to Turkey and 15 journeys to Morocco (£8 and £28 respectively).

Other changes made by the Regulations are the removal of any references to period permits or special permits and the addition, in the schedule, of references to the recent international agreements with the Government of Ukraine and the Republic of Georgia which require permits for the carriage of goods by road.

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