STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1976

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 89(1) and 91(1) of the Transport Act 1968**(a)**, and now vested in him**(b)**, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 91(8) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1976 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1976.

(2) These Regulations shall not apply to—

(*a*) the specification of a motor vehicle in an operator's licence (not being a licence granted under section 67(5) of the Transport Act 1968) before the date of coming into operation of these Regulations;

(*b*) an operator's licence granted under the said section 67(5) or a direction given under section 68(5) of that Act for which the request was made before that date.

2. The Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1974**(c)** shall have effect as if—

(*a*) in Regulation 2 (Interpretation) there were inserted after paragraph (1) the following:—

"(1A) Where a vehicle is specified in an operator's licence on the occasion of the grant of the licence, that vehicle shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be regarded as specified in the licence on the date on which the licence is expressed to take effect.";

(*b*) in Regulation 3 (Fees in respect of operators' licences) in paragraph (2)(*a*) for the words "£5" there were substituted the words "£12", in paragraph (2)(*b*) for the words "£1.25" there were substituted the words "£3", and for paragraph (3) there were substituted the following paragraph:—

"(3) Whenever a vehicle is removed from an operator's licence to which this Regulation applies, the licensing authority shall, if an application in writing in that behalf is made to him by or on behalf of the holder of the licence within three months of the removal, refund

(a) 1968 c. 73.
(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).
(c) S.I. 1974/2060 (1974 III, p. 8040).

to the holder of the licence in respect of the vehicle an amount determined by multiplying the number of whole quarters (any part of a quarter being disregarded for this purpose) in the unexpired term of the licence calculated from the date of the removal of the vehicle—

(*a*) by the quarterly fee at the rate payable on the 1st January 1975, in the case of a vehicle which was specified in the licence before the 1st January 1975; and

(*b*) in any other case, by the quarterly fee at the rate payable at the time when the vehicle was specified in the licence."; and

(*c*) in Regulation 4, in paragraph (1) for the words "£1" there were substituted the words "£2".

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State
24th March 1976.

John Gilbert,
Minister for Transport,
Department of the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1974. The principal amendments are:—

(*a*) The fee payable whenever a motor vehicle is specified in an operator's licence (other than such a licence granted under section 67(5) of the Transport Act 1968) is increased from £5 to £12 in respect of each whole year of the unexpired term of the licence and from £1.25 to £3 for each additional quarter (or part of a quarter) in that term. (Regulation 2(*b*)).

(*b*) The fee for an interim direction given under section 68(5) of the Transport Act 1968 on the grant of an operator's licence, or for any such licence granted under section 67(5) of that Act is increased from £1 to £2. (Regulation 2(*c*)).

(*c*) Transitional provision is made as to the rate at which fees are payable and new provision is made as to the rate at which refunds are payable. (Regulation 2(*a*) and (*b*)).

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