POLICY NOTE

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (COMPETITIONS AND TRIALS) (MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENT) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2025
SSI 2025/245

The above instrument was made in exercise of powers conferred by section 13 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 which provides for the variation of rates of fees for motoring events and for such rates to be charged for different classes or descriptions of events. The instruments are subject to negative resolution procedures before the Scottish Parliament.

Summary Box

The purpose of this Scottish Statutory Instrument is to amend application and cancellation fees for motorsports events and includes minor assorted administrative updates.

Policy Objectives

The most recent Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations were brought into force in 2002 which amended application fees. Cancellation fees have not been amended since 1983. This increase brings the fees in line with inflation. Administrative updates are also included in these Regulations, these will not have any impact to the way these events are ran.

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 Compatibility

The Scottish Ministers have made the following statement regarding children's rights.

In accordance with section 23(2) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, the Scottish Ministers certify that, in their view, The Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Miscellaneous Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2025 are compatible with the UNCRC requirements as defined by section 1(2) of the Act.

EU Alignment Consideration

This instrument is not relevant to the Scottish Government's policy to maintain alignment with the EU.

Consultation

Scottish Ministers have consulted with other representative bodies of the motorsports industry. No objections to the proposals were raised.

Impact Assessments

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been undertaken since the proposed Regulations amend fees payable under existing powers, rather than create a new legislative burden upon business. The extra costs which will be payable by event promoters broadly reflects inflationary increases since the previous amendments to the Regulations and do not represent an increase in real terms. The revised fees will ensure that RSAC Motorsport Ltd is able to fulfil its statutory requirements while reflecting increased costs to process events applications.

Financial Effects
The Cabinet Secretary for Transport confirms that no BRIA is necessary as the instrument has no financial effects on the Scottish Government, local government or on business.

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