INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1957 No. 1074

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	*24th June*, 1957
Coming into Operation	(*On a date to be notified in the London Gazette*)*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of June, 1957

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas a draft of this Order has in pursuance of subsection (5) of section one of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Act, 1952(a), been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of sections one and four of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Act, 1952, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

Documents for drivers and vehicles going abroad

1.—(1) The Minister may issue for use outside the United Kingdom a driving permit in each or either of the forms A and B in the First Schedule to this Order to a person who has attained the age of eighteen years and satisfies the Minister—

(*a*) that he is competent to drive motor vehicles of the classes or descriptions for which the permit is to be issued, and

(*b*) that he is resident in the United Kingdom:

Provided that a permit in form A which is restricted to motor cycles or invalid carriages may be issued to a person under eighteen years of age.

(2) The Minister may issue for use outside the United Kingdom a document in each or either of the forms C and D in the First Schedule to this Order for any motor vehicle registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b), or in Northern Ireland under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954(c).

(3) The Minister may issue for use outside the United Kingdom with any such motor vehicle or any trailer a document certifying—

(*a*) the weight of the maximum load which it is to be permitted to carry, and

(*b*) the permissible maximum weight, that is to say, the weight of the vehicle when ready for the road and carrying the maximum load so specified.

(4) The Minister may assign to any trailer an identification mark to be carried on the trailer outside the United Kingdom.

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* 7th August, 1957.

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6. & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 39. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.

(c) 1954 c. 17 (N.I.).

(5) The Minister may charge a fee for any document issued under this Article or for the assignment of any identification mark under this Article, and the fee shall be of the amount specified in relation thereto in the Second Schedule to this Order.

(6) The Minister may for the purpose of his functions under this Article carry out tests of the competency of applicants for driving permits and examinations of vehicles.

(7) The Minister may delegate any of his functions under this Article, (including any power of charging fees and the carrying out of tests or examinations) to any body concerned with motor vehicles or to any department of the Government of Northern Ireland.

Visitors' driving permits

2.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, it shall be lawful for a person resident outside the United Kingdom who holds—

(*a*) a Convention driving permit, or

(*b*) a domestic driving permit issued in a country outside the United Kingdom,

during a period of twelve months from the date of his last entry into the United Kingdom to drive, and be employed in driving, in Great Britain a motor vehicle of any class or description which he is authorised by that permit to drive, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a driving licence under Part I of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a).

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Article, it shall be lawful for a person resident outside the United Kingdom who holds—

(*a*) a Convention driving permit, or

(*b*) a domestic driving permit issued in a country outside the United Kingdom,

during a period of twelve months from the date of his last entry into the United Kingdom to drive, and be employed in driving, in Great Britain a public service or heavy goods vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain which he is authorised by that permit to drive, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of such a licence as is required by subsection (1) of section seventy-seven of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, or, as the case may be, subsection (1) of section thirty-one of the Road Traffic Act, 1934(b).

(3) The foregoing provisions of this Article shall be without prejudice to section nine of the said Act of 1930 (which imposes age limits on young persons driving motor vehicles) but subsection (3) of that section (which makes it unlawful for a person under twenty-one to drive certain heavy motor vehicles) shall not apply in relation to a person driving in pursuance of this Article a motor vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain if he has attained the age of eighteen years.

(4) This Article shall not authorise a person to drive a motor vehicle of any class or description if, in consequence of a conviction or of the order of a court, he is disqualified from holding a driving licence under Part I of the said Act of 1930.

(5) The Minister may by order contained in a statutory instrument withdraw the right conferred by sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of this Article or the right conferred by sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (2) of this Article, or both those rights, either in the case of all domestic driving permits,

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50.

or in the case of domestic driving permits of a description specified in the order or held by persons of a description so specified.

The power to make orders under this paragraph shall include power to vary or revoke an order so made.

(6) In this Article—

"Convention driving permit" means a driving permit in form A or B in the First Schedule to this Order issued under the authority of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention to which that form relates and, during the period ending on the twenty-sixth day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty, includes an international driving licence issued under the Convention on the Regulation of Inter-American Automotive Traffic opened for signature at Washington in 1943;

"domestic driving permit" in relation to a country outside the United Kingdom means a document issued under the law of that country and authorising the holder to drive motor vehicles, or a specified class or description of motor vehicles, in that country, and includes a driving permit issued by the armed forces of any country outside the United Kingdom for use in some other country outside the United Kingdom.

(7) The provisions of this Article which authorise the holder of a permit to drive a vehicle during a specified period shall not be construed as authorising the driving of a vehicle at a time when the permit has ceased to be valid.

3.—(1) It shall be lawful—

(*a*) for a member of a visiting force of a country to which Part I of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952(a), for the time being applies who holds a driving permit issued under the law of any part of the sending country or issued by the service authorities of the visiting force, or

(*b*) for a member of a civilian component of such a visiting force who holds such a driving permit,

to drive, and be employed in driving, in Great Britain a motor vehicle of any class or description which he is authorised by that permit to drive, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a driving licence under Part I of the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

(2) This Article shall not authorise a person to drive a motor vehicle of any class or description if, in consequence of a conviction or of the order of a court, he is disqualified from holding a driving licence under Part I of the said Act.

(3) This Article shall be without prejudice to section nine of the said Act (which imposes age limits on young persons driving motor vehicles).

(4) The interpretative provisions of the Visiting Forces Act, 1952, shall apply for the interpretation of this Article.

4. The Third Schedule to this Order shall have effect as respects the driving permits referred to in Articles 2 and 3 of this Order.

Documents for vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain

5.—(1) The Minister may by regulations provide—

(*a*) for the issue by prescribed bodies of permits for motor vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain by persons resident outside the United Kingdom, and

(*b*) for the registration of vehicles for which permits are so issued, for the assignment of registration marks to those vehicles and for the issue of registration cards for those vehicles, and

(a) 15 & 16 Geo. 6 & 1 Eliz. 2. c. 67.

(*c*) for the exemption of vehicles as respects which a permit in pursuance of this Article is in force from any duty of excise under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949.

(2) The following provisions of the said Act of 1949, that is to say—

(*a*) subsections (1), (3) and (4) of section nine (which enable the Minister to make regulations as respects applications for excise licences, the display of excise licences on vehicles and the issue of new licences in place of licences lost or destroyed) and

(*b*) paragraphs (*c*) and (*d*) of subsection (2) of section sixteen (which enable the Minister to make regulations as respects registration books for vehicles in respect of which excise licences are issued) and

(*c*) section seventeen (which enables the Minister to make regulations as to the display on a vehicle of the registration mark assigned to it) and

(*d*) section twenty-one (which relates to forgery of licences, registration marks or registration books),

shall apply in relation to a permit or registration card issued, or a registration mark assigned, in pursuance of this Article as they apply in relation to a licence or registration book issued, or registration mark assigned, under the said Act.

(3) If regulations under this Article provide for the assignment of a registration mark on production of some document relating to the vehicle for which a permit is issued, paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of section sixteen of the said Act shall apply in relation to that document so as to authorise the Minister to make regulations thereunder requiring the production of that document for inspection by persons of classes prescribed by the regulations.

(4) Subsection (3) of section nine, paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of section sixteen, sections seventeen and twenty-one of the said Act shall apply in like manner in relation to a permit or registration card issued, or a registration mark assigned, in pursuance of provisions corresponding to paragraph (1) of this Article in Northern Ireland, and a vehicle as respects which such a permit is in force shall be exempt from any duty of excise under the said Act.

(5) In this Article references to registration marks shall, where appropriate, include references to nationality signs.

6.—(1) The registration mark assigned under section sixteen of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, to a motor vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom need not comprise a mark indicating the council registering the vehicle, and in relation to such a motor vehicle, references in sections sixteen and seventeen of that Act to registration marks shall, where appropriate, include references to nationality signs.

(2) An application under Part I of the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933(**a**), for a C licence (that is to say a private carrier's licence) for a motor vehicle or trailer brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom shall be made to the licensing authority for the purpose of the said Part I for the area where the vehicle is landed.

(3) Regulations under the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927(**b**), may, either wholly or partially, and subject to any conditions, vary, or grant

(**a**) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 53. (**b**) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 37.

exemptions from, the requirements of that Act in the case of motor vehicles or trailers brought temporarily into Great Britain by persons resident outside the United Kingdom or in the case of any class or description of such vehicles.

Interpretation, Repeals, Citation and Commencement

7.—(1) In this Order—

"the Minister" means the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation;

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by the Minister.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), applies for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be taken as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment.

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Article, Part II of the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order, 1930(b), and the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1933(c), shall be revoked in their application to Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the remainder of the said Order of 1930 shall be revoked in its application to Great Britain.

(2) The revocation of Part II of the said Order of 1930 and of the said Order of 1933 (which relate to the issue of documents for drivers going abroad) shall not affect any document issued before the coming into operation of this Order.

(3) The revocation of Part III of the said Order of 1930 (under which driving licences may be issued to foreign drivers arriving in the United Kingdom) shall not affect any driving licence issued before the coming into operation of this Order or the application of the said Part III in relation to such a licence.

(4) The revocation of Part IV of the said Order of 1930 (under which international circulation permits may be issued for foreign cars arriving in the United Kingdom) shall not take effect until regulations first come into force under Article 5 of this Order and shall not affect any international circulation permit or other document issued under the said Part IV before the revocation takes effect.

(5) The mention of particular matters in this Article shall be without prejudice to the general application of section thirty-eight of the Interpretation Act, 1889, as applied by this Order.

9.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1957.

(2) This Order shall come into operation on the date on which the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in 1949 comes into force for the United Kingdom, which date shall be notified in the London Gazette:

Provided that regulations may be made under this Order before that date, but not so as to take effect before that date.

W. G. Agnew.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(b) S.R. & O. 1930/968 (Rev. XX, p. 507: 1930 p. 1680).
(c) S.R. & O. 1933/46 (Rev. XX, p. 513: 1933 p. 1709).

FIRST SCHEDULE

A

FORM OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT UNDER CONVENTION OF 1949

Page 1

* *In a permit issued by some other country the name of that country will appear instead and pages* 1 *and* 2 *will be drawn up in the language of that country.*

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*
International Motor Traffic

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT
Convention on International Road Traffic of 1949.

Issued at .....

Date .....

Signature or seal of issuing authority.

Seal or stamp of authority

Page 2

This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States, with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on the last page of this permit.

List of Contracting States (*optional*)

It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.

Form of International Driving Permit

PART I

		Last
Particulars concerning the Driver:	Surname	1
	Other names*	2
	Place of birth**	3
	Date of birth***	4
	Permanent place of residence	5
Vehicles for which the permit is valid:		
Motor cycles, with or without a sidecar, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg (900 lbs.).		A
Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most eight seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.		B
Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs.). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.		C
Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than eight seats. Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.		D
Motor vehicles of categories B, C or D, as authorised above, with other than a light trailer.		E

" Permissible maximum weight " of a vehicle means the weight of the vehicle and its maximum load when the vehicle is ready for the road.

" Maximum load " means the weight of the load declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle.

" Light trailers " shall be those of a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 750 kg (1,650 lbs.).

EXCLUSION

Holder of this permit is deprived of the right to drive in (country) .....

by reason .....

.....

Seal or stamp of authority

Place .....

Date .....

Signature .....

Should the above space be already filled, use any other space provided for " Exclusion ".

Exclusions: (countries I—VIII)

The entire last page (Parts I and II) shall be drawn up in French.

Additional pages shall repeat in other languages the text of Part I of the last page. They shall be drawn up in English, Russian, Chinese and Spanish, and other languages may be added.

under Convention of 1949

PART II

Page

1. .....
2. .....
3. .....
4. .....
5. .....

A	Seal or stamp of authority
B	Seal or stamp of authority
C	Seal or stamp of authority
D	Seal or stamp of authority
E	Seal or stamp of authority

Photograph

Seal or stamp of authority

....
Signature of holder****

EXCLUSIONS
(countries)

I..... V.....

II..... VI.....

III..... VII.....

IV..... VIII.....

* Father's or husband's name may be inserted.
** If known.
*** Or approximate age on date of issue.
**** Or thumb impression.

B

FORM OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT UNDER CONVENTION OF 1926

Page 1

**In a permit issued by some other country the name of that country will appear instead and the permit will be drawn up in the language of that country*

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*

International Motor Traffic

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

International Convention of April 24th, 1926

ISSUE OF PERMIT

Issued at .....

Date .....

Seal of authority

(*Signature of issuing authority*).

Page 2

*** This should be a reference to the last page of the permit.*

The present permit is valid in the territory of all the undermentioned contracting States for the period of one year from the date of issue for the driving of vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on p. **

Here insert list of Contracting States

It is understood that this permit in no way diminishes the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.

Page 3

PARTICULARS CONCERNING THE DRIVER

Photograph

Seal of authority

Surname .....(1)

Other names .....(2)

Place of birth .....(3)

Date of birth .....(4)

Home address .....(5)

Form of International Driving Permit under Convention of 1926

Page 4

(Name of country)

EXCLUSION

M. (surname and other names).....
authorised as above by the authority of (country).....
is deprived of the right to drive in (country).....
by reason of .....
.....

Seal of authority

Place .....

Date .....

Signature .....

Page 5 and following pages should repeat the particulars given on page 3 translated into as many languages as may be necessary to enable the International Permit to be used in all the Contracting States mentioned on page 2.

Here begin last page

A (1)	B (2)	C (3)
Seal of authority	Seal of authority	Seal of authority

(1) A.—Motor vehicles of which the laden weight does not exceed—
3,500 kilog.
(*In all languages.*)

(2) B.—Motor vehicles of which the laden weight exceeds—
3,500 kilog.
(*In all languages.*)

(3) C.—Motor cycles, with or without side-car.
(*In all languages.*)

(1) .....

(2) .....

(3) .....

(4) .....

(5) .....

C

FORM OF FISCAL PERMIT UNDER CONVENTION OF 1931

Page 1

These words should also appear on the cover.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland†

INTERNATIONAL FISCAL PERMIT

No.....

International Convention signed at Geneva on March 30th, 1931.

The present permit is issued with a view to the exemption from taxes or charges on the circulation or possession of motor vehicles granted for one or more periods of stay representing a total period of not more than ninety days spent in each of the countries to which the said Convention applies. The permit is only valid for one year from the date of issue.

The present fiscal permit is issued to

..... *

living at ..... **

.....

for the motor vehicle with the following description:

Type of vehicle .....(1)

Make of chassis.....(2)

Number of chassis.....(3)

Number of engine.....(4)

Registration number on the plates of the country issuing the permit

.....(5)

Place and date of issue.....(6)

Stamp of authority

.....***

.....****

* Christian names and surname of the owner or possessor.

** Town, street, number.

*** Signature of authority or of the organisation designated for the purpose.

**** Visa of authority.

† *In a permit issued by some other country the name of that country will appear instead and the permit will be drawn up in the language of that country.*

Form of Fiscal Permit under Convention of 1931

Page 2

The present permit is valid in all the countries mentioned below for one year from the date of its issue. Before the expiration of this period, no new certificate or duplicate copy can be issued for the same vehicle.

Here insert list of countries who are parties to the Convention.

Here follow pages for recording changes of ownership of the vehicle and of its registration number and entries and exit visas. At the foot of the first page for recording entry and exit visas there shall be entered the following note:—

Note.—In calculating the period of exemption, each day shall be reckoned from midnight to midnight, every fraction of a day counting as a whole day. The day of exit shall, however, not be counted when the day of entry and the day of exit are separated by a period of more than one day.

D

FORM OF INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER CONVENTION OF 1926

Page 1

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*

International Motor Traffic

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

International Convention of April 24th, 1926

ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE

Place.....

Date .....

Seal of authority

Signature of issuing authority.

* *In a permit issued by some other country the name of that country will appear instead and the permit will be drawn up in the language of that country.*

Form of International Certificate for motor vehicles under Convention of 1926

Page 2

This certificate is valid, in the territory of all the undermentioned contracting States, for the period of one year from the date of issue.

Here insert list of contracting States

Page 3

Owner or Holder	Surname	1
	Other names	2
	Home address	3
Class of vehicle		4
Name of maker of chassis		5
Type of chassis		6
Serial number of type or maker's number of chassis		7
Engine	Number of cylinders	8
	Engine number	9
	Stroke	10
	Bore	11
	Horse-power	12
Body	Shape	13
	Colour	14
	Number of seats	15
Weight of car unladen (in kilos)		16
Weight of car fully laden (in kilos) if exceeding 3,500 kilos		17
Identification mark on the plates		18

Additional pages should repeat the particulars on page 3 *translated into as many languages as may be necessary to enable the certificate to be used in all the contracting States mentioned on page* 2 *and these should be followed by pages for entrance and exit visas.*

SECOND SCHEDULE

FEES CHARGEABLE FOR DOCUMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION MARKS

The fee for the issue of the following documents shall be as follows:—

	s.	d.
Driving permit in Form A or B	10	6
Fiscal permit in Form C	7	6
Certificate in Form D	10	6
Certificate of maximum load and maximum permissible weight	10	6
Assignment of identification mark	10	6

THIRD SCHEDULE

VISITORS' DRIVING PERMITS

1. In this Schedule " driving permit " means a driving permit which by virtue of this Order authorises a person to drive a motor vehicle without holding a driving licence under Part I of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 and " driving licence " means a driving licence under the said Part I.

2.—(1) A court by whom the holder of a driving permit is convicted shall,—

(*a*) if in consequence of the conviction or of the order of the court he is disqualified from obtaining or holding a driving licence, or

(*b*) if they order particulars of the conviction to be endorsed on any driving licence held by him,

send particulars of the conviction to the Minister.

(2) A court shall in no circumstances enter any particulars in a driving permit.

3.—(1) The holder of a driving permit disqualified in consequence of a conviction or of the order of a court from holding a driving licence shall, if so required by the court, produce his driving permit within five days, or such longer time as the court may determine, and the court shall forward it to the Minister.

(2) The Minister on receiving a permit forwarded under the foregoing sub-paragraph—

(*a*) shall record particulars of the disqualification on the permit, and

(*b*) send the holder's name and address, together with the said particulars, to the authority by whom the driving permit was issued, and

(*c*) shall retain the permit until the holder leaves Great Britain or until the period of disqualification expires, whichever is the earlier.

(3) A person failing to produce a driving permit in compliance with this paragraph shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

4.—(1) A court, on ordering the removal under subsection (3) of section seven of the said Act of a disqualification on holding or obtaining a driving licence, shall, if it appears that particulars of the disqualification have been forwarded to the Minister under paragraph 2 of this Schedule, cause particulars of the order also to be forwarded to him, and the Minister shall transmit the particulars to the authority who issued the driving permit which the person whose disqualification is removed is shown as holding in the Minister's records.

(2) The Minister shall, where appropriate, enter any particulars so forwarded to him in any driving permit held by him in pursuance of paragraph 3 of this Schedule and shall then return the driving permit to the applicant.

5.—(1) In the following provisions of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, references to a driving licence shall include references to a driving permit.

(2) The said provisions are—

(*a*) subsection (5) of section four (which, as amended by subsection (4) of section thirty-one of the Road Traffic Act, 1956(a), authorises a police constable to require the production of a driving licence by a person who is, or in certain circumstances has been, driving a vehicle),

(*b*) subsection (2) of section twenty (which authorises a police constable to arrest a driver committing certain offences unless the driver gives his name and address or produces his driving licence), and

(*c*) subsections (1) and (4) of section one hundred and twelve (which relate to the use of a driving licence by a person other than the holder and to forgery of such a licence).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order supersedes the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order, 1930, and the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order, 1933, and gives effect to certain provisions of the Convention on Road Traffic of 1949 (Cmd. 7997), the Convention on the Taxation of Foreign Motor Vehicles of 1931 (Cmd. 4013) and the Convention on Motor Traffic of 1926 (Cmd. 3510), as respects motor vehicles and drivers thereof going abroad from the United Kingdom and coming to Great Britain from abroad.

The Order also gives effect to Article IV of the Agreement regarding the Status of Forces of Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (Cmd. 8279) as respects driving permits of members of visiting forces and civilian components of such forces and confers certain privileges in relation to motor vehicles upon persons in Great Britain but resident outside the United Kingdom who are not entitled thereto by virtue of any international agreement.

Article 1 enables the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (hereinafter in this Note referred to as "the Minister") to issue on payment of fees international driving permits and documents for vehicles required by persons going abroad from the United Kingdom. This Article also authorises the Minister to carry out for the purpose of his functions under it driving tests and examinations of vehicles and provides that he may delegate his functions to any body concerned with motor vehicles or any department of the Government of Northern Ireland.

Article 2 (1) provides that persons resident outside the United Kingdom who hold either a Convention driving permit or a domestic driving permit may for one year drive in Great Britain motor vehicles of the class which they are authorised by their permits to drive without holding driving licences issued under the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

Article 2 (2) provides that such persons may for one year drive public service or heavy goods vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain which they are authorised by their permits to drive without holding public service or heavy goods vehicle driving licences.

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67.

Article 2 (3) provides that in relation to such persons, if over 18 years of age and driving motor vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain, the restriction imposed by the Road Traffic Act, 1930, on the driving of certain heavy motor vehicles by persons under 21 years shall not apply.

Article 2 (4) provides that the previous provisions of that Article shall not authorise persons to drive motor vehicles if they are disqualified from driving by virtue of a conviction or the order of a court.

Article 2 (5) permits the Minister to withdraw in the case of domestic driving permits the rights conferred by paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of that Article, which are not obligatory under either of the above-mentioned Conventions of 1926 and 1949.

Article 2 (6) defines the expressions "Convention driving permit" and "domestic driving permit".

Article 3 in pursuance of Article IV of the above-mentioned Agreement regarding the Status of Forces makes provision for members of a visiting force and members of a civilian component of such a force who hold foreign driving permits and who are not disqualified from driving by virtue of a conviction or the order of a court to drive in Great Britain motor vehicles of any class which they are authorised by their permits to drive without holding driving licences issued under the Road Traffic Act, 1930.

Article 4 provides for modifications of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, in relation to the driving permits referred to in Articles 2 and 3.

Article 5 empowers the Minister by regulations to provide for the issue by prescribed bodies of permits for motor vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain, for the registration and identification of such vehicles and for the exemption of vehicles as respects which permits issued in pursuance of that Article are in force from duties of excise under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949. The provision for exemption from excise duties, while enabling effect to be given to the above-mentioned Convention of 1931 which applies only to motor vehicles registered in countries which are parties to that Convention, is extended to motor vehicles not so registered.

Article 6 (1) provides that a registration mark assigned under section 16 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, to a motor vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain need not comprise a mark indicating the Council registering the vehicle.

Article 6 (2) provides that an application under the Road and Rail Traffic Act, 1933, for a "C" carrier's licence for a motor vehicle or trailer brought temporarily into Great Britain shall be made to the licensing authority for the area where the vehicle is landed.

Article 6 (3) enables regulations under the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927, to vary or grant exemptions from the requirements of that Act in the case of motor vehicles or trailers brought temporarily into Great Britain.