STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1965

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under sections 8, 16 (as amended by section 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1962(a)), and 23 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(b), and Articles 5 and 6 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1957(c), as varied by the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1962(d), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Furnishing of particulars and insurance documents

1. A person resident outside the United Kingdom who brings temporarily into Great Britain a vehicle which, subject to compliance by that person with these regulations, is exempt from excise duty by virtue of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Orders 1957 and 1962 shall:—

(1) furnish a registration authority with the particulars set out in the Schedule to these regulations, and

(2) produce to a registration authority a certificate of insurance or a certificate of security or an insurance card for that vehicle, any such certificate or card being valid at the time when it is produced for the purposes of this regulation.

Registration marks for exempted vehicles

2.—(1) A registration authority shall assign to an exempted vehicle a registration mark which shall be—

(*a*) the registration mark recorded in the visitor's registration document in the case of a vehicle in respect of which there is produced a visitor's registration document recording a registration mark which in the opinion of the registration authority consists of no letters or numerals other than Roman letters or ordinary European numerals or both, and

(*b*) in any other case a registration mark consisting of the letters QA, QB, QC, QD, QE, QF, QG, QH, QJ, QK, QL, QM, QN, QP, QQ or QS, and of a registered number.

(2) Regulation 21 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1964(e) shall apply to an exempted vehicle as if the reference therein to any registration mark which is required to be fixed on a vehicle by virtue of the Excise Act were a reference to the registration mark assigned to the vehicle under this regulation, and Regulation 24 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Regulations of 1964 shall apply to an exempted

(a) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59. (b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13. (c) S.I. 1957/1074 (1957 II, p. 2154).
(d) S.I. 1962/1344 (1962 II, p. 1483). (e) S.I. 1964/1178 (1964 II, p. 2722).

vehicle as if it were a vehicle registered under the Excise Act before 1st October 1938:

Provided that—

(*a*) Regulation 21 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Regulations of 1964 (which impose requirements as to the form of registration marks) shall not apply as respects a registration mark assigned under paragraph (1)(*a*) of this regulation if the corresponding requirements of the law under which, or authority by whom, the registration mark was issued are complied with, and

(*b*) a registration mark assigned under the said paragraph (1)(*a*) need not be exhibited at the front of the vehicle if that is not required by the law under which, or the authority by whom, the registration mark was issued.

(3) At the back of an exempted vehicle to which a registration mark has been assigned under the said paragraph (1)(*a*) there shall be exhibited so as to be clearly distinguishable a nationality sign indicating the country under the law of which the registration mark was issued:

Provided that no nationality sign need be shown on a vehicle in a case where the visitor's registration document produced in respect of the vehicle is one which falls within paragraph (*c*) of the definition of that expression in these regulations.

(4) Regulation 26 of the Regulations of 1964 shall apply to any trailer drawn by an exempted vehicle as if references therein to the registration mark were references to the registration mark assigned to the exempted vehicle under this regulation:

Provided that in a case where—

(*a*) the registration mark was assigned to the exempted vehicle under the said paragraph 1(*a*) of this regulation, and

(*b*) the trailer has been brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom,

a registration mark issued to the trailer under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1949 may be exhibited at the back of the trailer instead of the registration mark so assigned to the exempted vehicle.

(5) When an exempted vehicle which in pursuance of this regulation must carry a nationality sign is drawing one or more trailers, the nationality sign shall be carried in like manner at the back of the trailer or rearmost trailer:

Provided that a trailer carrying a registration mark in pursuance of the proviso to the last foregoing paragraph shall carry a nationality sign indicating the country under the law of which that registration mark was issued to the trailer instead of any other nationality sign indicating the country under the law of which a registration mark was issued to the exempted vehicle.

(6) In relation to an exempted vehicle in respect of which a visitor's registration document was produced and to which a registration mark was assigned under paragraph (1)(*a*) of this regulation, Regulation 11(2) of the Regulations of 1964 (which authorises a police constable or local taxation officer to demand the production of a registration book) shall apply to the visitor's registration document as it applies to a registration book.

Registration cards

3.—(1) Where a registration authority assign a registration mark to a vehicle under regulation 2(1)(*b*) of these regulations, they shall issue to the person who brought that vehicle into Great Britain a registration card in respect of that vehicle containing such particulars as the Minister may direct.

(2) The following provisions of the Regulations of 1964, that is to say—

(*a*) paragraphs (2) and (4) of Regulation 11 (which relate to the production of registration books and to their defacement or mutilation), and

(*b*) Regulation 8 (which relates to duplicate registration books),

shall apply in relation to a registration card as they apply in relation to a registration book but with the substitution of references to the registration authority for the references to the council.

(3) Whenever a vehicle in respect of which a registration card has been issued under paragraph (1) of this regulation—

(*a*) is sold or transferred, or

(*b*) is removed to a country outside the United Kingdom, or

(*c*) is destroyed,

then the holder of the registration card shall surrender it to a registration authority informing them, in a case where the vehicle has been sold or transferred, of the name of the new owner and of his address, if any, in the United Kingdom.

(4) The registration authority to whom a registration card is so surrendered shall forward it to the Greater London Council and inform that Council of the date of surrender.

(5) In paragraph (3) of this regulation references to a registration authority include references to any authority who shall have the functions in Northern Ireland of a registration authority under provisions corresponding to these regulations.

Excise licences for vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain

4.—(1) A person who has brought a motor vehicle into Great Britain may be granted an excise licence under the Excise Act for the vehicle by any council in whose area he is for the time being, notwithstanding that they are not the council to whom he ought to apply under Regulation 4 of the Regulations of 1964, if he satisfies them that he is resident outside the United Kingdom and that the vehicle is only temporarily in Great Britain.

(2) The registration mark to be assigned under section 13(1) of the Excise Act to a vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain by a person resident outside the United Kingdom shall be:—

(*a*) the registration mark recorded in a visitor's registration document produced in respect of that vehicle if the said registration mark is such as is specified in regulation 2(1)(*a*) of these regulations and the visitor does not elect to have a registration mark assigned under paragraph (2)(*c*) of this regulation, or

(*b*) if no visitor's registration document recording such a registration mark is produced in respect of that vehicle, the registration mark, if any, previously assigned to that vehicle under regulation 2(1)(*b*) of these regulations, or under provisions applying in Northern Ireland and corresponding to the provisions of that regulation, or

(*c*) in any other case, such a registration mark as would be assigned to a vehicle permanently in this country.

(3) A registration mark assigned under paragraph (2)(*a*) or (2)(*b*) of this regulation shall become void at the expiration of one year from the date of importation of the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is before the expiration of that period sold or transferred, at that earlier time, and if the vehicle is used in Great Britain thereafter a new registration mark shall be obtained.

(4) Where a registration mark is assigned to a vehicle under paragraph (2)(*a*) or (2)(*b*) of this regulation then, until the expiration of one year from the date of importation of the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is before the expiration of that period sold or transferred, until such sale or transfer—

(*a*) Regulations 21, 24 and 26 of, and Schedules 2 and 3 to, the Regulations of 1964 shall apply in relation to the vehicle subject to the same modifications and exceptions as those subject to which they are applied by regulation 2 of these regulations, and for the purpose of the application of Regulation 24 of, and Schedule 3 to, the Regulations of 1964, as if the vehicle were registered under the Excise Act before 1st October 1938;

(*b*) in a case where the registration mark is assigned under paragraph (2)(*a*) of this regulation, then regulation 2(3) and regulation 2(5) of these regulations shall apply as respects the carrying of nationality signs by the vehicle and any trailer drawn by it; and

(*c*) Regulation 12 of the 1964 Regulations shall not apply in relation to the vehicle.

Records to be kept by registration authorities

5.—(1) Each registration authority shall, in respect of an exempted vehicle, not being a vehicle which immediately before it was brought into Great Britain was exempt from excise duty in Northern Ireland, record the particulars described in the next following paragraph of this regulation on the back of the duplicate page of an insurance card surrendered to the registration authority in respect of that vehicle or, if no such duplicate page is surrendered, on a form approved by the Minister.

(2) The particulars referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation are:—

(*a*) the particulars set out in the Schedule to these regulations so far as those particulars are not shown on the face of any duplicate page so surrendered, and

(*b*) particulars of any certificate of insurance or certificate of security produced to the registration authority in accordance with regulation 1(2) of these regulations in respect of the vehicle, which particulars shall include the dates of commencement and expiry of the insurance, and the name and address of the insurer and of the persons authorised to drive the vehicle specified in the certificate of insurance or the certificate of security.

(3) Each registration authority other than the Greater London Council shall forward to the Greater London Council a copy of the particulars so recorded.

6.—(1) The Greater London Council shall preserve the copies forwarded to them under the last foregoing regulation and any records made by the Greater London Council themselves under that regulation for not less than two years.

(2) The Greater London Council shall in relation to every vehicle to which a registration mark is assigned in pursuance of regulation 4(2)(*a*) or 4(2)(*b*) of these regulations, preserve for not less than two years a record of the following particulars:—

(*a*) the name of the person applying in respect of the vehicle, his address in the United Kingdom and (if available) his home address, and

(*b*) the registration mark assigned to the vehicle,

and where a registration mark was so assigned by some other council, that other council shall forward those particulars to the Greater London Council for recording, and such record shall be preserved for not less than two years.

(3) The Greater London Council shall preserve for not less than two years any documents forwarded to them under provisions made in Northern Ireland corresponding to regulation 5(3) of these regulations in respect of a vehicle which immediately before it was brought into Great Britain was exempt from excise duty in Northern Ireland and a record of any particulars forwarded to them for recording under provisions made in Northern Ireland corresponding to the preceding paragraph of this regulation as respects a vehicle to which a registration mark has been assigned in Northern Ireland under provisions corresponding to regulation 4(2)(*a*) or 4(2)(*b*) of these regulations.

(4) The Greater London Council shall, on application therefor, furnish free of charge any particulars recorded in any documents preserved by them under this regulation to the Minister, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, the Ministry of Development for Northern Ireland, any registration authority or council in the United Kingdom, or any superior officer of police in a police force in the United Kingdom, and shall upon payment of five shillings furnish to any person showing to the Greater London Council that he has reasonable cause therefor the name and address shown in respect of any registration mark contained in any records preserved under this regulation.

Interpretation

7.—(1) In these regulations:—

" certificate of insurance " and " certificate of security " have the same meanings as in Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1960(**a**);

" the Convention of 1926 " means the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic concluded at Paris in the year 1926(**b**);

" the Convention of 1949 " means the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in the year 1949(**c**);

" council " in relation to England and Scotland means county council as construed in accordance with section 24(1) and (5) of the Excise Act and in relation to Northern Ireland means the council of a county or county borough;

" the date of importation ", in relation to a vehicle, means the date on which that vehicle was last brought into the United Kingdom;

" the Excise Act " means the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962;

" exempted vehicle " means a vehicle exempt from excise duty by virtue of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Orders 1957 and 1962;

(**a**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (**b**) Cmd. 3510. (**c**) Cmd. 7997.

" insurance card " and " duplicate page " have the same meanings as in the Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations 1963(a);

" the Minister " means the Minister of Transport;

" nationality sign " means a sign complying with the provisions of annex 4 to the Convention of 1949 or of annex C to the Convention of 1926 and bearing the distinctive letters specified in or under the Convention for the country under the law of which the vehicle is registered;

" registration authority " means The Royal Automobile Club, The Automobile Association, The Royal Scottish Automobile Club or the Greater London Council;

" the Regulations of 1964 " means the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1964;

" visitor's registration document " means—

(*a*) in the case of a vehicle registered in a country outside the United Kingdom, a registration certificate issued under the law of any country in respect of which a nationality sign has been assigned in, or notified to the Secretary-General of the United Nations under, the Convention of 1926 or the Convention of 1949 whether or not that country is a party to either of the said Conventions and containing a registration mark, the name or the trade mark of the maker of the vehicle, the maker's identification or serial number, the date of its registration and the full name and permanent place of residence of the applicant for the said certificate; or

(*b*) a certificate in form D in Schedule 1 to the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1957, issued under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom which is a party to the Convention of 1926; or

(*c*) in the case of a motor vehicle registered in accordance with the registration system of the British authorities in Germany or the registration system of the United States authorities in Germany or France, a registration certificate specifying the registered letter and number allotted to the vehicle under the system.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these regulations were an Act of Parliament and the regulations revoked by regulation 8 of these regulations were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

(3) Any reference in these regulations to any provision in an Act of Parliament or in subordinate legislation shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended by any other such provision.

Revocation

8.—(1) The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1963(c) are hereby revoked.

(2) This regulation shall not affect any document issued or other thing done under any regulation hereby revoked and, so far as it could have been issued or done under these regulations, shall have effect as if issued or done under the corresponding provision of these regulations.

(a) S.I. 1963/436 (1963 I, p. 492). (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.I. 1963/437 (1963, I, p. 506).

Commencement and citation

9. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1965 and shall come into operation on the 1st April 1965.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 24th February 1965.

(L.S.) *Tom Fraser,*
The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE

Particulars to be furnished to the Registration Authority

1. The full name and address of the person who has brought the vehicle into Great Britain.

2. The date and place of entry into Great Britain of the vehicle.

3. The make of the vehicle and such other particulars describing the vehicle as the Minister may direct.

4. The letters and numbers on the registration plates (if any) of the vehicle and (if different) of any trailer drawn thereby, together with the country of registration.

5. In a case where the vehicle is drawing a trailer, the name of the manufacturer of the trailer and its serial or other identification number.

6. The address in the United Kingdom of the person who has brought the vehicle into Great Britain or, if none, the name and address in the United Kingdom of some other person through whom he may be contacted while in the United Kingdom.

7. The date of expiry of the period for which the vehicle is, subject to compliance with these regulations, exempt from excise duty.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These regulations re-enact with amendments the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations 1963. Most of the amendments are consequential on the consolidation effected by the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1964 and the transfer of functions as to motor vehicles from the London County Council to the Greater London Council. The regulations make no changes of substance except that the provision under which an applicant for an excise licence for a vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain may apply to any council in whose area he is for the time being (regulation 4) has been amended to omit the need for the applicant to satisfy that council that he has no principal place of business or usual place of abode in Great Britain, and the fee to be paid by an applicant for the name and address shown in respect of any registration mark contained in the records preserved under regulation 6 of a vehicle brought temporarily into Great Britain is raised from one shilling to five shillings (regulation 6(4)).