STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 895

ROAD TRAFFIC

Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Amendment) Regulations 1977

Made - - - -	*20th May* 1977
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The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by section 157 of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)**, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1977.

2. The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations 1971**(b)** shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations, but nothing in Regulations 3, 4 or 6 of these Regulations shall affect the operation of those Regulations in relation to an insurance card, whether issued before or after the coming into operation of these Regulations, which conforms to the requirements specified in the definition of "insurance card" in Regulation 3(1) of those Regulations as originally made.

3. In Regulation 3 (Interpretation) in paragraph (1)—

(*a*) the definitions of "chief officer of police" and "police area" shall be deleted; and

(*b*) for the definition of "insurance card" there shall be substituted the following definition:—

" 'insurance card' means an international motor insurance card issued under the authority of a Foreign Bureau or of the British Bureau which is green in colour and—

(*a*) is either in English or a foreign language containing the particulars specified in, and set out in two pages as shown in, Schedule 1 to these Regulations; or

(*b*) until 31st December 1977, is either in English or a foreign language in the form specified in Schedule 2 to these Regulations;"

(a) 1972 c. 20. **(b)** S.I. 1971/792 (1971 II, p. 2256).

4. In Regulation 4 (Validity of insurance card) in paragraph (1)(*e*) for the words " in the form of Part I of" there shall be substituted the words "in the form specified in".

5. In Regulation 5 (Third-party risks arising out of the use of motor vehicles by visitors), in paragraph (2) for the words "the next two following Regulations" there shall be substituted the words "the next following Regulation", and there shall be deleted—

(i) paragraph (3) of Regulation 6 (detachment of duplicate page by police constable); and

(ii) Regulations 7 (use of duplicate page in civil proceedings) and 9 (requirements in connection with duplicate pages).

6. For Schedules 1 and 2 there shall be substituted the following Schedules:—

" SCHEDULE 1
(See Regulation 3)

PARTICULARS TO BE SHOWN IN PAGES

ORIGINAL

1. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

2. ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF (NATIONAL INSURERS' BUREAU)

3. VALID FROM Day	Month	Year	TO Day	Month	Year	4. Serial and Policy Numbers
(Both Dates Inclusive)						

5. Registration Number (or if none) Chassis or engine number.	6. Category and make of Vehicle*

(Cancel Country inapplicable)	A	B	L	NL	CH	CS	D	DK	N	S	SF	E	F	GB
GR H I IL IRL IS MA P	PL	R	TN	TR	YU									

7. Name and Address of Insured (or User of the vehicle).

8. This Card has been Issued by: (Name and address of Insurer)	9. Signature of Insurer.

*For details of Letter-Code for Category of Vehicle, see next page.

OF INSURANCE CARD

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

CARTE INTERNATIONALE D'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE

(1) In each country visited, the Bureau of that country assumes, in respect of the use of the vehicle referred to herein, the liability of an Insurer in accordance with the laws relating to compulsory insurance in that country.

(2) After the date of expiry of this Card, liability is assumed by the Bureau of the country visited, if so required by the law of such country or by any agreement with its Government. In such case, the within-mentioned insured undertakes to pay the premium due for the duration of the stay after the date for which the Insurance Card is valid has passed.

(3) I, the within-mentioned insured, hereby authorise the Motor Insurers' Bureau and the Bureaux of any mentioned countries, to which it may delegate such powers, to accept service of legal proceedings, to handle and eventually settle, on my behalf, any claim for damages in respect of liability to third parties required to be covered under the compulsory insurance laws of the country or countries specified herein, which may arise from the use of the vehicle in that country (those countries).

(4) Signature of the Insured

(5) For visitors to Great Britain and Northern Ireland only.
Signature of any other persons who may use the vehicle.

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(This Insurance Card is only valid when signed by the Insured).

Cards applicable to the following country must contain detachable copies of the form on the preceding page:

Switzerland

*CATEGORY OF VEHICLE (CODE)

A. CAR	C. LORRY OR TRACTOR	E. BUS
B. MOTORCYCLE	D. CYCLE FITTED WITH AUXILIARY ENGINE	F. TRAILER

SCHEDULE 2

(See Regulation 3)

(In this Schedule, references to the Convention of 1949 are references to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in the year 1949(a).)

Alternative form of insurance card until 31 December 1977

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INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

CARTE INTERNATIONALE D'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE

Issued under the Authority of

By

(a) Cmnd. 7997.

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(This page may contain Notes by the Insurer for the information of the Insured)

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ORIGINAL

NOT TO BE DETACHED

1. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

2. ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF

No.

3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURED (OR USER OF THE VEHICLE)

4. VALID

FROM — DAY MONTH YEAR

TO — DAY MONTH YEAR

(BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

5. CATEGORY AND MAKE OF VEHICLE

6. REGISTRATION NUMBER (IF NO REGISTRATION NUMBER) CHASSIS NUMBER OR ENGINE NUMBER

7. POLICY NUMBER

8. THIS CARD HAS BEEN ISSUED BY:
(NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURER)

9. SIGNATURE OF INSURER

CATEGORY OF VEHICLE (CODE)

A CAR

B MOTOR CYCLE

C LORRY OR TRACTOR

D CYCLE FITTED WITH AUXILIARY ENGINE

E BUS

F TRAILER

(CANCEL COUNTRY INAPPLICABLE)

(Print here the Distinguishing Signs, according to the Convention of 1949, of the countries participating in the International Motor Insurance Card System on the first day mentioned in paragraph 4 above).

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(1) In each country visited, the Bureau of that country assumes, in respect of the use of the vehicle referred to herein, the liability of an Insurer in accordance with the laws relating to compulsory insurance in that country.

(2) After the date of expiry of this Card, liability is assumed by the Bureau of the country visited, if so required by the law of such country or by any agreement with its Government.

(3) In such case, the within-mentioned Insured undertakes to pay the premium due for the duration of the stay after the date for which the Insurance Card is valid has passed.

(4) I, the within-mentioned Insured, hereby authorise the Motor Insurers' Bureau and the Bureaux of any mentioned countries, to which it may delegate such powers, to accept service of legal proceedings, to handle and eventually settle, on my behalf, any claim for damages in respect of liability to third parties required to be covered under the compulsory insurance laws of the country or countries specified herein, which may arise from the use of the vehicle in that country (those countries).

(5) Signature of the Insured

(6) For visitors to Great Britain and Northern Ireland only.
Signature of any other persons who may use the vehicle.

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(This Insurance Card is only valid when signed by the Insured.)

Cards applicable to the following country must contain detachable copies of the form on the preceding page:—

Switzerland

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Note to the Insured

In regard to (*a*) damage to the insured vehicle, however caused; (*b*) personal injuries sustained by the Insured; the Bureau of the country visited should not be approached but notification should be given (unless otherwise instructed by the Insurer) direct to the Insurer.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BUREAUX

(Print here the Distinguishing Sign of each country where the International Motor Insurance Card System is in force at the time of issue of this card, and opposite the signs, the names and postal addresses of the Bureaux).

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William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport.

20th May 1977.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations 1971 to—

(*a*) remove the requirement that a motor insurance card for use in Great Britain must contain a duplicate page (Regulations 3, 4 and 6) and

(*b*) to make certain consequential changes (Regulation 5).

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