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The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations, 1952

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The Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 39 and 41 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and section 25 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Commencement and Citation

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of January, 1953, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations, 1952."

Revocation

2. Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks) Regulations, 1941(c), is hereby revoked except in relation to any motor vehicle in Great Britain at the coming into operation of these Regulations or brought into Great Britain within two months thereafter and so long as the vehicle continues to remain in Great Britain.

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.
(c) S.R. & O. 1941/926; Rev. XX, p. 359; 1941 I, p. 957.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"British Bureau" means the "Motor Insurers' Bureau" incorporated under the Companies Act, 1929(**a**), and having its registered office at 60 Watling Street, London, E.C.4;

"Foreign Bureau" means a central organisation set up by motor insurers in any country outside the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands for the purpose of giving effect to international arrangements for the insurance of motorists against third-party risks when entering countries where insurance against such risks is compulsory, and with which organisation the British Bureau has entered into such an arrangement;

"insurance card" means an international motor insurance card provided by a Foreign Bureau or by the British Bureau which is green in colour and, either in English or a foreign language, in the form specified in Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations and which in the case of any entry into the United Kingdom of the motor vehicle specified in the card during the period of validity so specified has attached thereto—

(*a*) in the case of a first entry, one or more pages green in colour and, either in English or a foreign language, in the form specified in Part II of the said Schedule, each of which said pages is hereinafter referred to as a "duplicate page"; or

(*b*) in the case of any subsequent entry, that part of a duplicate page which is headed "attestation of competent authorities", which said part is hereinafter referred to as a "counterfoil";

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

"the Act" means the Road Traffic Act, 1930;

"trade licence" has the same meaning as in the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949;

"visitor" means a person bringing a motor vehicle into Great Britain, making only a temporary stay therein and named as the insured in an insurance card.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Validity of insurance card

4.—(1) An insurance card shall only be valid for the purposes of these Regulations if—

(*a*) the card bears on page 1 thereof, the name of the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, by which the card was provided;

(*b*) the motor vehicle specified in the card is brought into the United Kingdom during the period of validity so specified;

(*c*) the application of the card in Great Britain is indicated thereon;

(*d*) all relevant particulars provided for in the card have been inserted therein;

(a) 19 & 20 Geo. 5. c. 23. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*e*) the card has been duly signed by the visitor and the insurer named in the card; and

(*f*) the provisions of Regulation 9 of these Regulations in so far as they are applicable have been complied with as respects the particulars required to be furnished, the production of the card and the surrender of the duplicate page.

(2) The particulars required to be entered in paragraphs (2) and (11) on page 3 of the card are—

(*a*) in paragraph (2), the name of the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, by which the card was provided; and

(*b*) in paragraph (11), the name of the insurer authorised to issue the card by the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be.

Third-party risks arising out of the use of motor vehicles by visitors

5.—(1) As respects the use on a road by a visitor or by any other person on his order or with his permission of a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card issued to that visitor, section 35 of the Act shall have effect as though the said card were a policy of insurance complying with the requirements of and having effect for the purposes of Part II of the Act in relation to such use:

Provided that where the said motor vehicle remains in the United Kingdom after the expiry of the period of validity specified in the card, then as respects any period whilst it so remains during which the vehicle is in Great Britain the said card shall not be regarded as having ceased to be in force for the purposes of the said section 35 by reason only of effluxion of the period of validity specified in the card.

For the purposes of this paragraph a motor vehicle shall be deemed not to have left the United Kingdom whilst it is only in transit between different parts of the United Kingdom.

(2) Any reference in this Regulation and in the next two succeeding Regulations to the use on a road of a motor vehicle shall not include any use of the vehicle for the purpose of delivering it to or for the visitor at some place other than the place of entry of the vehicle into Great Britain, which is authorised under a trade licence.

6.—(1) For the purposes of section 40 of the Act, a valid insurance card shall have effect as though it were a certificate of insurance issued by an authorised insurer and in relation to any claim in respect of any such liability as is required to be covered by a policy of insurance under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 36 of the Act and arising out of the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in the card by the visitor to whom it was issued or by any other person on his order or with his permission, the person against whom the claim is made shall in lieu of making the statement and furnishing the particulars referred to in subsection (1) of section 13 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934(**a**), give to the person making the claim, on his demand, the serial letter or letters and number shown in the card, the name of the Bureau by which it was provided and the name and address of the person specified therein as the insured.

(2) Any person making or intending to make any such claim as is mentioned in the preceding paragraph of this Regulation shall give notice of the claim in writing to the British Bureau as soon as practicable after the happening of the event out of which the claim arose specifying the nature of the claim and against whom it is made or intended to be made.

(**a**) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50.

7. In any civil proceedings in respect of any such liability as is required to be covered by a policy of insurance under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section 36 of the Act and arising out of the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card, the production of the duplicate page surrendered to a registration authority in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 of these Regulations or to an authority appointed under the law of Northern Ireland for the purpose in accordance with that law shall be evidence that the person specified in the card as the insured has duly signed the form of authority specified in paragraph (4) on page 2 of the card, unless the contrary is proved.

Production of insurance card on application for motor vehicle licence

8. Any visitor applying for a licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949, for a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card issued to him may during the period of validity specified in the card in lieu of producing to the licensing authority such evidence as is required by Part 1 of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks) Regulations, 1941, produce the card to the licensing authority.

Production of insurance cards to, and duties of, registration authorities

9.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Regulation, every visitor to whom an insurance card has been issued in respect of a motor vehicle brought by him into Great Britain shall comply with the following provisions of this paragraph:—

(*a*) in the case of the first entry of the vehicle into Great Britain during the period of validity specified in the card or after the expiry of the said period if the said card is then in force for the purposes of section 35 of the Act, the visitor shall at the relevant time and place furnish such particulars with respect to the card as are specified in the next following paragraph of this Regulation, produce the card and surrender the duplicate page (without its counterfoil) with all relevant particulars inserted therein to a registration authority, who shall thereupon insert in the counterfoil in the appropriate space the date and place of such entry;

(*b*) in the case of any subsequent entry of the vehicle into Great Britain during the said period of validity or after the expiry of the period if the said card is then in force for the purposes of section 35 of the Act, the visitor shall at the relevant time and place furnish such particulars with respect to the card as are specified in the next following paragraph of this Regulation, produce the card, and surrender the duplicate page (without its counterfoil) with all relevant particulars inserted therein if this has not already been done, to a registration authority, who shall thereupon insert in the counterfoil of the relevant duplicate page in the appropriate space the date and place of such subsequent entry; and

(*c*) in the case of any exit of the vehicle from Great Britain otherwise than to Northern Ireland, the visitor shall at the relevant time and place produce the card to a registration authority, who shall thereupon insert in the counterfoil of the relevant duplicate page in the appropriate space the date and place of such exit.

In this paragraph, the expression "the relevant time and place" means—

(i) the time and place at which the particular entry into or exit from Great Britain of the vehicle is made or, in the absence of any registration

authority at that place, any time and place within forty-eight hours after the entry or within forty-eight hours before the exit, as the case may be, of the vehicle; or

(ii) if, in the case of any entry of the vehicle into Great Britain, the vehicle is to be delivered to or for the visitor at some place in Great Britain other than the place of entry, any time before the vehicle is used on a road after such delivery and any place; or

(iii) if, in the case of any entry of the vehicle into Great Britain, the visitor is desirous of furnishing the said particulars and otherwise complying with the requirements of this paragraph at some place in Great Britain other than the place of entry and for the purposes of enabling the vehicle to be used on roads in the meantime, otherwise than in the circumstances and during the period referred to in (i) above, obtains in relation to such use a temporary policy of insurance complying with the requirements of and having effect for the purpose of Part II of the Act for any period not exceeding one month, any time during which the said policy is in force and any place.

(2) The particulars with respect to an insurance card required to be furnished in accordance with the preceding paragraph of this Regulation shall be given in a form issued or approved by the Minister, shall be signed by the visitor furnishing the same and shall be as follows:—

(*a*) the serial letter or letters and number shown in the card;

(*b*) the name, home address and address in the United Kingdom of the visitor to whom the card has been issued;

(*c*) the registration number of the motor vehicle specified in the card and the name of the country in which that vehicle is registered;

(*d*) the date and place of entry into Great Britain of the motor vehicle specified in the card; and

(*e*) a statement whether or not a duplicate page of the card has been previously surrendered by the visitor to a registration authority during the period of validity specified in the card.

(3) Where during the period of validity specified in an insurance card or during any period after the expiry thereof when the card is in force for the purposes of section 35 of the Act the vehicle specified in the card is brought into Great Britain from Northern Ireland, compliance with the provisions of sub-paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) respectively of paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall not be required except where the duplicate page has not previously been surrendered in accordance with the law of Northern Ireland to an authority appointed under that law for that purpose or surrendered to a registration authority in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

10. Every registration authority other than the London County Council shall as soon as practicable after an insurance card has been produced to them in accordance with the provisions of the last preceding Regulation—

(*a*) when the card has been produced in the case of the first entry of the motor vehicle into Great Britain, send to the London County Council—

(i) the form containing the particulars with respect to the card furnished to them in accordance with the provisions of that Regulation; and

(ii) the duplicate page surrendered to them in accordance with the said provisions;

(*b*) when the card has been produced in the case of any subsequent entry of the motor vehicle into Great Britain, send to the said Council the form containing the particulars with respect to the card then furnished to them in accordance with the said provisions ; and

(*c*) when the card has been produced in the case of any exit of the motor vehicle from Great Britain, advise the said Council of the date and place of such exit.

11.—(1) The London County Council shall for a period of not less than six years from the expiration of the period of validity specified in an insurance card preserve:—

(*a*) any forms containing the particulars with respect to the card furnished or sent to them in accordance with Regulation 9 or Regulation 10 of these Regulations, together with the relative duplicate page surrendered or sent to them in accordance with those Regulations ; and

(*b*) a record of the date and place of any exit of the motor vehicle specified in the card of which they have been advised under the last preceding Regulation.

The preceding provisions of this paragraph shall apply to forms containing particulars with respect to insurance cards compiled in accordance with the provisions of the law of Northern Ireland, to duplicate pages surrendered in accordance with the provisions of that law and to records of the date and place of exit of motor vehicles compiled in accordance with the provisions of that law, received by the Council from the authorities appointed under the law of Northern Ireland, as they apply to forms, duplicate pages and records received by the Council under Regulation 10 of these Regulations.

(2) The London County Council shall without charge—

(*a*) furnish to the Minister, any Chief Officer of Police or the British Bureau on request or to an authorised insurer on request by the British Bureau any information relating to the contents of any such form, duplicate page or record as is mentioned in the preceding paragraph of this Regulation ; and

(*b*) forward to the British Bureau or to an authorised insurer on request by the British Bureau any such duplicate page as is mentioned in that paragraph and the British Bureau or the authorised insurer, as the case may be, shall return the same to the said Council as soon as practicable.

Special provision for motor vehicles from Northern Ireland

12. In the case of a motor vehicle brought from Northern Ireland into Great Britain by a person making only a temporary stay in Great Britain, a policy of insurance or a security which complies with the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland), 1930, and which covers the driving of the motor vehicle in Great Britain and any certificate of insurance or certificate of security issued in pursuance of that Act and the regulations made thereunder in respect of such policy or security shall have effect as a policy of insurance or a security or a certificate of insurance or certificate of security respectively for the purposes of Part II of the Act, and of Part I of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks) Regulations, 1941.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this tenth day of December, 1952.

(L.S.)

Alan Lennox-Boyd,
The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE

(*See* Regulation 3)

PART I

FORM OF INSURANCE CARD

Page 1

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

CARTE INTERNATIONALE D'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE

(and language of issuing Country if other than English or French)

MEMBER COMPANY

(OPTIONAL)

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On first entry during the period of validity into any of the countries listed below, one copy of the attached forms must be left at the frontier:

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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 Bureau which provided the Card)
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).

(6) *Signature of any other Persons who may use the vehicle

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(5) Signature of the Insured

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

* It must also be signed by any other person who may use the vehicle.

*Optional by arrangement between Bureaux.

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X	No.

(1) INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

ISSUED BY

(2)

VALID

(3) From To for
(both dates inclusive)

(4) Name of insured:

(5) Address:

VEHICLE

(6) Category: (a) Motor Car
(b) Motor Cycle
(c) Lorry
(d) Bus
(e) Cycle fitted with auxiliary engine

(7) Make:

(8) Chassis No.:

(9) Engine No.:

(10) Registration No. :

This card has been issued:

(11) By
(Name of Insurer)

(12)
(Address of Insurer)

(13) Policy No.

(14) On

(15) Signature of Insurer

Cancel country inapplicable

A
Austria

B
Belgium

CH
Switzerland

D
Germany
Fed. Rep.

DK
Denmark

E
Spain

EIR
Rep. of Ireland

F
France

GB
Great Britain &
Northern Ireland

GR
Greece

I
Italy

L
G.D. Luxembourg

N
Norway

NL
Holland

P
Portugal

S
Sweden

SF
Finland

X Letters of issuing country.

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BUREAUX

PART II

FORM OF DUPLICATE PAGE

X	No.

ATTESTATION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES	(1)	INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD	Cancel country inapplicable
		ISSUED BY	A Austria
	(2)		B Belgium
		VALID	
ARRIVAL	(3)	From To for (both dates inclusive)	CH Switzerland
	(4)	Name of Insured:	D Germany Fed. Rep.
	(5)	Address:	DK Denmark
		VEHICLE	
	(6)	Category: (a) Motor Car (b) Motor Cycle (c) Lorry (d) Bus (e) Cycle fitted with auxiliary engine	E Spain
			EIR Rep. of Ireland
	(7)	Make:	F France
	(8)	Chassis No.:	GB Great Britain & Northern Ireland
	(9)	Engine No.:	
	(10)	Registration No.:	GR Greece
		This card has been issued:	
DEPARTURE	(11)	By (Name of Insurer)	I Italy
	(12)	(Address of Insurer)	L G.D. Luxembourg
	(13)	Policy No.	N Norway
	(14)	On	
	(15)	Signature of Insurer	NL Holland
			P Portugal
			S Sweden
			SF Finland

X Letters of issuing country.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations modify, in relation to motor vehicles which are specified in international motor insurance cards provided for visitors under international arrangements by the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Great Britain or a Bureau of a foreign country and are brought temporarily into Great Britain by visitors, the provisions of Part II of the Road Traffic Acts, 1930 to 1934, which relate to the insurance of motorists against third-party risks.

The main modifications are—

(*a*) for the purposes of section 35 of the 1930 Act, which requires users of motor vehicles to be insured against third-party risks, the card is treated as if it were a policy of insurance complying with the requirements of Part II of that Act;

(*b*) for the purposes of section 40 of the 1930 Act, which inter alia requires drivers of motor vehicles to produce a certificate of insurance on request by a police constable, the card is treated as if it were such a certificate; and

(*c*) section 13 of the 1934 Act, which requires persons against whom claims are made to give certain information as to policies of insurance, is correspondingly modified.

Provision is also made by the Regulations for the notification in writing of third-party claims to the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Great Britain, the production of cards and the treatment of motor vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain from Northern Ireland by visitors who hold cards and by those who do not.

Part II of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks) Regulations, 1941, which makes special provision as regards the insurance of visitors' motor vehicles, is revoked except in relation to vehicles brought into Great Britain before the 1st March, 1953.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

1952 No. 420

The Pedestrian Crossings (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 48 and 59 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(**a**), and section 18 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the twelfth day of March, 1952, and may be cited as "The Pedestrian Crossings (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 1952".

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