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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under sections 211 and 215 of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a), and section 23 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(b), and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 260 (2) of the Road Traffic Act 1960, hereby makes the following regulations :—

Commencement and Citation

1. These regulations shall come into operation on 15th April 1963, and may be cited as " The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations 1963 ".

Revocation

2. The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations 1957(c), and The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Amendment) Regulations 1957(d), are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these regulations—

" the Act " means the Road Traffic Act 1960 ;

" authorised insurer " has the same meaning as in Part VI of the Act ;

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 13.
(c) S.I. 1957/891 (1957 II, p. 2179).
(d) S.I. 1957/1245 (1957 II, p. 2196).

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

"chief officer of police" has the same meaning as in the Act;

"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;

"hired motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is:—

(*a*) designed for private use and with seats for not more than eight persons excluding the driver, and

(*b*) specified in an insurance card, and

(*c*) last brought into Great Britain by a person making only a temporary stay therein, and

(*d*) owned and let for hire by a person whose business includes the letting of vehicles for hire and whose principal place of business is outside the United Kingdom;

"hiring visitor" means a person to whom a hired motor vehicle is let on hire, who is making only a temporary stay in Great Britain and is named as the insured or user of that vehicle in the insurance card in which that vehicle is specified;

"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, 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" and which relates to the entry "arrival", which said part is hereinafter referred to as a "counterfoil";

"the Minister" means the Minister of Transport;

"registration authority" means the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association, the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, or the London County Council except that where none of these bodies or persons is represented at the place of entry of the visitor into Great Britain and the visitor applies for a licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962, then "registration authority" means the licensing authority to whom the visitor may produce an insurance card for the purposes of regulation 8 of these regulations;

"the required particulars" means the particulars specified in regulation 9 (2) with respect to an insurance card and required to be furnished by a visitor in accordance with regulation 9 (1) of these regulations;

"trade licence" has the same meaning as in the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962;

(a) 19 & 20 Geo. 5. c. 23.

"visitor" means a person bringing a motor vehicle into Great Britain, making only a temporary stay therein and named in an insurance card as the insured or user of the vehicle, and includes a hiring visitor who brings a hired motor vehicle into Great Britain, but no other hiring visitor.

(2) 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.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) 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 2 of these regulations were Acts of Parliament thereby repealed.

Validity of insurance card

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

(*a*) the card bears on page 1 thereof the name of the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, under whose authority the card was issued;

(*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 information provided for in the card has been inscribed therein;

(*e*) the card has been duly signed by the visitor, by the insurer named in the card and, in the case of a hired motor vehicle, by every hiring visitor who is named in the card as the insured or user thereof;

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

(2) The information required to be inscribed in paragraphs (2), (3) and (8) on page 3 of the card is:—

(*a*) in the said paragraph (2), the name of the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, under whose authority the card was issued; and

(*b*) in the said paragraph (3), the name and address of the insured visitor and of every person who is, as respects a hired motor vehicle, a hiring visitor, and

(*c*) in the said paragraph (8), the name and address of the insurer authorised to issue the card by the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be and by whom the card was issued.

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

5.—(1) As respects the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card, being use by the visitor to whom the card was issued, or by any hiring visitor named therein, or by any other person on the order or with the permission of the said visitor or of any such hiring visitor, section 201 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 VI of the Act in relation to such use:

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

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 201 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 following 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 sections 226, 230 and 231 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 section 203 of the Act and arising out of the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in such a card by the visitor to whom it was issued, by any hiring visitor named therein, or by any other person on the order or with the permission of the said visitor or of any such hiring visitor, the person against whom the claim is made shall in lieu of making the statement and giving the particulars referred to in section 209 (1) of the Act, 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 under whose authority it was issued 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.

7. In any civil proceedings in respect of any such liability as is required to be covered by a policy of insurance under section 203 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 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 4 of the card unless the contrary is proved.

Production of insurance card on application for excise licence

8. Any visitor or hiring visitor applying for a licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962 for a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card in which he is named as the insured may, during the period of validity specified in the card, in lieu of producing to the licensing authority such evidence as is required by regulation 9 of the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) Regulations 1961(a), produce such a card to the licensing authority.

(a) S.I. 1961/1465(1961 II, p. 2967).

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 201 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 information inscribed therein to a registration authority, who shall thereupon insert in the counterfoil in the appropriate space the date and place of such entry ; and

(*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 201 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 information inscribed therein, if the duplicate page has not been previously surrendered, 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.

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

(i) the time and place at which the particular entry into Great Britain of the vehicle is made or, in the absence of any registration authority at that place, any time within forty-eight hours after the entry of the vehicle and any place ; 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 VI 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 required particulars to be furnished by a visitor with respect to an insurance card under the preceding paragraph of this regulation shall be as follows :—

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

(ii) the name and home address of the visitor to whom the card has been issued and either the address in the United Kingdom of the

visitor 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;

(iii) the registration number of the motor vehicle specified in the card and the name of the country in which that vehicle is registered or, if no registration number is specified in the card, the chassis number or engine number of the said motor vehicle;

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

(v) 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) In the case where a duplicate page is surrendered to a registration authority, the required particulars shall be recorded by that authority on the back of any duplicate page in which the required particulars have not already been recorded; and in the case where no duplicate page is surrendered, the required particulars shall be recorded by a registration authority in a form issued or approved by the Minister.

(4) 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 201 of the Act the vehicle specified in the card is brought into Great Britain from Northern Ireland, compliance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (*a*) or, as the case may be, (*b*) 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 the duplicate page surrendered to them and containing the required particulars; and

(*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 duplicate page surrendered to them and containing the required particulars, or if no such page is surrendered, the form containing the required particulars.

11.—(1) The London County Council shall for a period of not less than two years from the expiration of the period of validity specified in an insurance card preserve any duplicate page containing the required particulars which has been surrendered to them under regulation 9 or sent to them in accordance with regulation 10, and shall for the same period preserve any form containing the required particulars in which they shall have recorded those particulars under regulation 9 or which has been sent to them in accordance with regulation 10.

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 and to duplicate pages surrendered 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 and duplicate pages received by the Council under regulation 10.

(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 or duplicate page 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 as soon as practicable, return the same to the said Council.

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 VI of the Act, and of the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) Regulations 1961.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 4th March 1963.

(L.S.)

Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

THE SCHEDULE

(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)).

PART I

FORM OF INSURANCE CARD

PAGE 1

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD
CARTE INTERNATIONALE D'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE

Issued under the Authority of

By

(a) Cmd. 7997.

PAGE 2

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

PAGE 3

ORIGINAL

NOT TO BE DETACHED

No.

1. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

2. ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF

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

4. VALID

FROM			TO		
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	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	D	CYCLE FITTED WITH AUXILIARY ENGINE
B	MOTOR CYCLE	E	BUS
C	LORRY OR TRACTOR	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 countries must contain detachable copies of the form on the preceding page:—

Great Britain & Northern Ireland
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)

ENTREE
INVOER
EINREISE
ARRIVAL

PART II
FORM OF DUPLICATE PAGE
ATTESTATION OF COMPETENT AUTHORITIES
(DUPLICATE)

No.

1. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

2. ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF

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

4. VALID

FROM			TO		
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	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	D	CYCLE FITTED WITH AUXILIARY ENGINE
B	MOTOR CYCLE	E	BUS
C	LORRY OR TRACTOR	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.)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The regulations revoke and re-enact with alterations The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) Regulations 1957, and The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Amendment) Regulations 1957; they modify, in relation to motor vehicles which are specified in international motor insurance cards issued to visitors under the authority of the Motor Insurers' Bureau of Great Britain or of a Foreign Bureau and are brought temporarily into Great Britain by those visitors, certain provisions of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1960, which relate to the insurance of motorists against third-party risks.

The main alteration is that provision is made for the issue and acceptance in Great Britain as from 15th April 1963 of a new form of international motor insurance card which will supersede the forms of card specified in the regulations now revoked. Other alterations concern hired motor vehicles brought temporarily into Great Britain by visitors and the recording of the particulars required to be furnished by visitors on entry into Great Britain with an insurance card.