1960 No. 1023

The Road Vehicles (Period Licensing) Order, 1960

Made - - - -	*15th June,* 1960
Coming into Operation	*1st October,* 1960

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 7 of the Finance Act, 1958(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order :—

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of October, 1960, and may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Period Licensing) Order, 1960.

(2) In this Order the expression "duty" means duty payable under the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(b), and the expression "licence" means a licence taken out under the said Act in respect of any mechanically propelled vehicle.

(3) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(4) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. A licence in respect of any vehicle may be taken out for the period of one calendar year and the duty in respect of such a licence shall be payable at the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle.

3.—(1) A licence in respect of any vehicle may be taken out for any period of twelve months running from the beginning of the month in which the licence first has effect and the rate of duty payable in respect of a licence taken out for any such period shall be an amount equal to the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle.

(2) A licence in respect of a vehicle which is chargeable with duty at an annual rate exceeding three pounds may be taken out for any period of four months running from the beginning of the month in which the licence first has effect and the rate of duty payable in respect of a licence taken out for any such period shall be an amount equal to one-third of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle plus 10 per cent. of that amount.

4. Where a rate of duty payable in respect of any licence calculated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (2) of Article 3 of this Order results in an amount which would be expressed as comprising a number of pence, in determining the amount of duty payable in respect of that licence any such pence shall be treated as one shilling except in a case where they number six or less when they shall be disregarded.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this fifteenth day of June, 1960.

(L.S.)

Denis O'Neill,
An Under Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

(a) 6 & 7 Eliz. 2. c. 56. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order makes new provision as regards the periods for which an excise licence may be taken out in respect of a mechanically propelled vehicle and as regards the duty payable in respect of a licence for any such period. The Order provides that as from 1st October, 1960, a licence for any vehicle may be taken out for any period of twelve months, the rate of duty being the annual rate appropriate to the vehicle, and in the case of a vehicle for which the annual rate of duty exceeds £3 a licence may be taken out for any period of four months, the rate of duty being one-third of the appropriate annual rate plus 10 per cent. of that amount. Amounts of duty in the case of licences for periods of four months are calculated to the nearest shilling.