STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1973

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 23 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971(**a**) as modified by section 39(1) of, and paragraph 20 of Part I of Schedule 7 to, that Act, and as extended by section 52(11) of, and paragraph 27 of Schedule 7 to, the Finance Act 1972(**b**), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 5th June 1973 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1973.

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971(**c**) as amended(**d**) shall have effect as though after Regulation 4 there were inserted the following Regulation:—

"*Restriction on registration of vehicles chargeable with car tax*

4A.—(1) The Secretary of State may refuse to register a vehicle under section 19 of the Act unless there is produced to him, at the time when he would otherwise be required by that section to register the vehicle, a document purporting to be issued by, or by authority of, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise which certifies either—

(*a*) that the vehicle is not a chargeable vehicle; or

(*b*) that the tax chargeable on it has been or will be paid; or

(*c*) that tax on it has been remitted.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall not apply in relation to the registration of a vehicle which is chargeable with duty under the Act by virtue of section 1 thereof and Schedule 1 or Schedule 3 thereto, but shall otherwise apply without prejudice to any other requirement of these Regulations.

(3) In this Regulation—

(*a*) "chargeable vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 52 of the Finance Act 1972; and

(*b*) "the tax" means car tax chargeable under the said section 52.".

(**a**) 1971 c. 10. (**b**) 1972 c. 41.
(**c**) S.I. 1971/450 (1971 I, p. 1305).
(**d**) The amending Regulations are not relevant to the subject matter of these Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

7th May 1973.

John Peyton,
Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971 by providing that (subject to certain exceptions) the Secretary of State may refuse to register a vehicle under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 unless a certificate issued by, or by the authority of, the Commissioners of Customs and Excise is produced stating either that the vehicle is not subject to the car tax chargeable under section 52 of the Finance Act 1972 or that the car tax chargeable on the vehicle has been or will be paid or has been remitted.

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