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NORTHERN IRELAND

The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977

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The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the power conferred by section 34 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a), as extended by section 12 of the Finance Act 1976(b), and now vested in him(c), and of all other enabling powers, and with the approval of the Treasury(c), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 1st March 1977 and may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1977.

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973(d), as amended(e), shall be further amended so as to have effect as if in Regulation 10 (Assignment of registration marks) after paragraph (3) there were inserted the following paragraphs:—

"(3A) Where at the request of the owner of a vehicle a particular registration mark is to be assigned to it, having previously been assigned to another vehicle, that other vehicle shall be made available for inspection by the Secretary of State at a place designated by him, and the owner of the first-mentioned vehicle shall, before the registration mark is so assigned, pay to the Secretary of State a charge of £50 for the assignment.

(3B) Paragraph (3A) of this Regulation shall not apply where the request of the owner of the vehicle to which the registration mark is to be assigned, is made—

(*a*) before the 1st March 1977, or

(*b*) after that date in relation to a mark which has been removed from another vehicle (with a view to its being so assigned) at the request of the owner of that other vehicle made before that date.".

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport.

14th February 1977.

(a) 1972 c. 10. (b) 1976 c. 40. (c) S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541).
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973/490 (p. 2818).
(e) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1976/2088 (1976 III, p.5768).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 so as to prescribe a charge of £50 for the assignment of a particular registration mark to a vehicle at the owner's request and to require the vehicle from which the registration mark is transferred to be made available for inspection at a place designated by the Secretary of State.

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