STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1971 No. 378

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Vehicle and Driving Licences (Transfer of Functions) (Supplementary Provisions) Order 1971

Made - - - -	*9th March* 1971
Laid before Parliament	*18th March* 1971
Coming into Operation	*1st April* 1971

The Secretary of State for the Environment hereby makes this Order in exercise of his powers under section 2(1)(*c*) of the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act 1969(**a**) and of all other enabling powers.

1. This Order shall come into operation on 1st April 1971 and may be cited as the Vehicle and Driving Licences (Transfer of Functions) (Supplementary Provisions) Order 1971.

2.—(1) In this Order—

(*a*) " local authority " has the same meaning as in section 33 of the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act 1969 ;

(*b*) " the relevant functions " means the functions conferred on local authorities by the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(**b**) and Part II of the Road Traffic Act 1960(**c**) (which provide for the levying of excise duty on vehicles, the licensing and registration of vehicles and the licensing of drivers) ;

(*c*) " the transfer date " means the date appointed by order of the Secretary of State under section 1 of the said Act of 1969 on which the relevant functions shall be transferred to him, that date being 1st April 1971(**d**).

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**e**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Anything done by or in relation to a local authority before the transfer date in connection with any relevant functions (including in particular any consent given or requirement imposed by the local authority in that connection) shall be deemed on and after that date to have been done (or, as the case may be, to have been given or imposed) by or in relation to the Secretary of State and anything begun before that date by a local authority in the exercise of any relevant functions (including in particular any legal proceedings to which the local authority is a party) may be carried on and completed on and after that date by the Secretary of State.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State, 9th March 1971.

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

(**a**) 1969 c. 27. (**b**) 1962 c. 13. (**c**) 1960 c. 16.
(**d**) see the Vehicle and Driving Licences (Transfer of Functions) (Appointed Date) Order 1971 (S.I. 1971/377)(1971 I, p. 1166). (**e**) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides that anything done by or in relation to a local authority in connection with their functions of levying excise duty on vehicles, licensing and registration of vehicles and licensing of drivers before the date on which those functions are transferred to the Secretary of State for the Environment (1st April 1971) shall be deemed after that date to be done by or in relation to him, and that anything begun by a local authority in the exercise of those functions before that date may after that date be completed by him.