
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002 to provide—

- (a) for notification of a supplement to be paid by the keeper in the event of late payment of vehicle excise duty (*regulation 2*);
- (b) for a new form of registration document to be issued which complies with Council Directive 1999/37/EC (*regulation 3*);
- (c) for the Secretary of State to satisfy himself as to the identity of a person seeking to be a registered keeper and notification on change of address (*regulations 4 and 5*);
- (d) for provisions relating to defences to the offence committed by a registered keeper where a vehicle is unlicensed (*regulation 6*);
- (e) for disclosure of information of the Secretary of State (*regulation 7*); and
- (f) for related revocations (*regulation 8*).

A Regulatory Impact Assessment of these Regulations has been made and copies have been placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. Copies of the Assessment are available from, the Licensing, Roadworthiness and Insurance Division, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR (telephone number: 020 7944 2509); fax: 020 7944 2395). The Assessment may also be found by visiting the Department's website at www.dft.gov.uk.

Copies of the Directive referred to in these Regulations may be obtained from the Stationery Office.