
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002 (“the 2002 Regulations”) (S.I. 2002/2742) to make provision for the vehicle identity check scheme to be abolished from 26th October 2015.

In particular regulations 5 and 7 insert regulation 15A and Schedule 3A into the 2002 Regulations setting out the process that will apply from 26th October 2015 in relation to requests for a new registration document for a vehicle that has been damaged in an accident where the insurer, or in some circumstances, the keeper of a fleet, has notified the Secretary of State that the vehicle is suitable for repair.

Regulations 3 and 4 make various consequential amendments to ensure that the new provisions in regulation 15A are consistently applied to the 2002 Regulations.

Regulation 4 further amends regulation 15 of the 2002 Regulations to provide a transitional period during which applications for a new registration document in respect of vehicles that an insurer has deemed suitable for repair can be treated as applications made under regulation 15A.

Regulation 6 requires the Secretary of State to review the operation and effect of these Regulations and publish a report within five years after they come into force and within every five years after that. Following a review it will fall to the Secretary of State to consider whether the Regulations should remain as they are, or be revoked or be amended. A further instrument would be needed to revoke the Regulations or to amend them.

A regulatory impact assessment of the effect that these Regulations will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR (telephone: 020 7944 4639) and is published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside these Regulations on the website www.legislation.gov.uk.