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EVIDENCE**Vehicle Licences Records**

REGULATIONS, DATED 24TH SEPTEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 30(4) OF THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 30(4) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Vehicle Licences Records (Evidence) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

2. In these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

“the Act” means the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972;

“registration book” means a registration book issued under the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1947(b);

“registration mark” means a mark assigned to a mechanically propelled vehicle under section 19 of the Act;

“trade licence” has the meaning assigned to it under section 16 of the Act;

“vehicle licence” means a licence for a mechanically propelled vehicle under the Act.

3. The following matters are prescribed for the purposes of section 30(4) of the Act in connection with the licensing and registration of mechanically propelled vehicles under the Act—

- (1) a document being, forming part of, or submitted in connection with, an application for—
 - (a) a vehicle licence;
 - (b) a trade licence;
 - (c) a repayment of duty under section 17 of the Act (as modified by paragraphs 13 to 16 of Part 1 of Schedule 9 thereto) or the recovery of underpayments or overpayments of duty under section 29 of the Act;
- (2) a vehicle licence, trade licence, registration book or registration mark;
- (3) a document containing a declaration and particulars in relation to vehicles exempted from duty under the Act;
- (4) the conviction of an offence under the Act of any person.

(a) 1972. c. 10 (N.I.).

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1947, No. 167.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 24th day of September 1973.

(L.S.)

A. P. D. Westhead,
Assistant Secretary.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

Section 30 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 provides that a statement contained in certain documents duly authenticated and purporting to be inter alia part of the records maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs in connection with vehicle licences shall be admissible in civil or criminal proceedings as evidence of any fact stated therein, to the same extent as oral evidence of that fact would be admissible. These Regulations prescribe the matters in respect of which evidence may be given in this way.

The matters concerned are those documents and other things (as specified in Regulation 3) relating to the licensing and registration of mechanically propelled vehicles under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972.