

Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 22

PART III

OFFENCES

Other offences relating to licences

36 Dishonoured cheques: additional liability

- (1) Where a person has been convicted of an offence under section 102 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (payment for licence by dishonoured cheque) in relation to a vehicle licence or a trade licence, the court shall (in addition to any penalty which it may impose under that section) order him to pay the amount specified in subsection (2).
- (2) The amount referred to in subsection (1) is an amount equal to one-twelfth of the appropriate annual rate of vehicle excise duty for each month, or part of a month, in the relevant period.
- (3) The reference in subsection (2) to the appropriate annual rate of vehicle excise duty is a reference to the annual rate which at the beginning of the relevant period—
 - (a) in the case of a vehicle licence, was applicable to a vehicle of the description specified in the application, or
 - (b) in the case of a trade licence, was applicable to a vehicle falling within paragraph 1(b) of Schedule 1 (or to a vehicle falling within sub-paragraph (1)
 (c) of paragraph 2 of that Schedule if the licence was to be used only for vehicles to which that paragraph applies).
- (4) For the purposes of this section the relevant period is the period—
 - (a) beginning with the first day of the period for which the licence was applied for or, if later, the day on which the licence first was to have effect, and
 - (b) ending with whichever is the earliest of—
 - (i) the end of the month in which the order is made,
 - (ii) the date on which the licence was due to expire,

- (iii) the end of the month during which the licence was delivered up, and
- (iv) the end of the month preceding that in which there first had effect a new licence for the vehicle specified in the application for the licence or (in the case of a trade licence) a new trade licence to be used for the same description of vehicles.
- (5) Where a person has previously been ordered under section 30 to pay an amount for a month or part of a month in the case of a vehicle, any amount which he is ordered to pay under this section in the case of a vehicle licence for the vehicle is to be calculated as if no part of that month were in the relevant period.