



# Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001

## 2001 CHAPTER 3

### PART 2

#### REGULATION OF REGISTRATION PLATE SUPPLIERS

##### *General*

#### **30 Proceedings for offences under Part 2**

Proceedings for an offence under this Part shall not be instituted except—

- (a) by a local authority or a constable; or
- (b) in any other case, with the consent of the Attorney General.

#### **31 Interpretation of Part 2**

(1) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the 1994 Act” means the [Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 \(c. 22\)](#);

“carrying on business as a registration plate supplier” has the meaning given by section 17(2);

“contravene”, in relation to any provision of regulations, includes fail to comply with it;

“exempt person” means any person who is an exempt person by virtue of regulations made under section 17(3)(b);

“local authority” has the same meaning as in Part 1;

“notice” means notice in writing;

“premises” includes any land or other place (whether or not enclosed);

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“a register” means a register established and maintained under section 18;

“registered” (and cognate expressions) have the meaning given by section 17(4);

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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“registration mark” has the meaning given by section 23(1) of the 1994 Act; and includes a mark indicating the registered number of a vehicle or trailer and assigned to that vehicle or trailer by virtue of regulations under section 22(2) of that Act;

“registration plate” means a plate or other device which—

- (a) displays (whether alone or in conjunction with other information) a registration mark;
- (b) complies with requirements imposed by regulations made under section 27A(1)(a) of the 1994 Act; and
- (c) is designed to be fixed to a vehicle or trailer in accordance with regulations made under section 22(2) or 23(3) of that Act; and

“selling registration plates” is to be construed in accordance with any regulations made under section 17(3)(a).

- (2) The reference in section 22(5) to representations being made in writing includes a reference to representations being made in a text which—
  - (a) is transmitted by means of a telecommunication system (within the meaning of the [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12\)](#)) or by other means but while in an electronic form;
  - (b) is received in legible form; and
  - (c) is capable of being used for subsequent reference.
- (3) References in this Part to offences under this Part include references to anything which is an offence by virtue of section 24(3) and (4) or 25(2) and (3).
- (4) References in this Part to an appeal under section 23 being finally determined or withdrawn include references to the final determination or withdrawal of proceedings by way of case stated which relate to a decision by a magistrates' court on an appeal under that section.