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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations
1979**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>18th December 1979</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th January 1980</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st February 1980</i>

The Minister of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 89(1) and 91(1) of the Transport Act 1968(a), and now vested in him(b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of sections 91(8) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Commencement, citation and revocation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1979 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1980.

(2) The Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1974(c) and the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 1976(d) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“the Act of 1968” means the Transport Act 1968;

“operator's licence” means an operator's licence within the meaning of Part V of the Act of 1968;

“quarter” means a period of three calendar months running from any date;

“year” means a calendar year running from any date;

and any expression not defined above which is also used in the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1977(e) has the same meaning as in those Regulations.

(a) 1968 c. 73.
(c) S.I. 1974/2060.
(e) S.I. 1977/1737.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681 and 1979/571.
(d) S.I. 1976/460.

(2) Where a vehicle is specified in an operator's licence on the occasion of the grant of the licence, that vehicle shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be regarded as specified in the licence on the date the licence is to take effect.

Fees in respect of operators' licences

3.—(1) This Regulation applies to an operator's licence other than such a licence granted under section 67(5) of the Act of 1968.

(2) Whenever a motor vehicle is specified in an operator's licence to which this Regulation applies the holder of the licence shall pay a fee at the rate of—

- (a) £20 in respect of each motor vehicle so specified for each whole year of the unexpired term of the licence, calculated from the date when the vehicle is so specified; and
- (b) £5 in respect of each motor vehicle so specified for each whole quarter (any part of a quarter counting as a whole quarter for this purpose) in any period less than a whole year which remains in the unexpired term of the licence when the whole years have been deducted.

(3) Whenever a vehicle is removed from an operator's licence to which this Regulation applies, the licensing authority shall, if an application in writing is made to him therefor by or on behalf of the holder of the licence within three months of the removal, refund to the holder of the licence in respect of the vehicle an amount determined by multiplying the number of whole quarters (any part of a quarter being disregarded for this purpose) in the unexpired term of the licence calculated from the date of the removal of the vehicle, by the quarterly fee at the rate paid in respect of the specification of the vehicle in the licence.

(4) (a) No identity disc shall be issued in respect of any vehicle until the applicant shall have paid to the licensing authority any fee payable by virtue of Regulation 1(2) and paragraph (2) above, or Regulation 4 below.

(b) No refund shall be paid under this Regulation in respect of any vehicle until the applicant shall have returned to the licensing authority the identity disc or any copy thereof issued in respect of that vehicle.

4. The fee payable in respect of an operator's licence under section 67(5) of the Act of 1968 or the interim direction under section 68(5) of the Act shall be £3 in respect of each motor vehicle specified in the licence or direction.

18th December 1979.

Norman Fowler,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations consolidate with amendments the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1974 and the Goods Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendments) Regulations 1976. The principal changes are:—

- (a) The fee payable whenever a motor vehicle is specified in an operator's licence (other than such a licence granted under section 67(5) of the Transport Act 1968) is increased from £12 to £20 in respect of each whole year of the unexpired term of the licence and from £3 to £5 for each additional quarter (or part of a quarter) in that term (Regulation 3).
- (b) The fee for an interim direction under section 68(5) of the Transport Act 1968 on the grant of an operator's licence, or for any such licence granted under section 67(5) of that Act is increased from £2 to £3 (Regulation 4).

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