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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 2335**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing)  
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003**

*Made - - - - - 10th September 2003*

*Laid before Parliament 12th September 2003*

*Coming into force - - 6th October 2003*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 57 and 61B of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 6th October 2003.

**Revocation**

2. The Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2003(b) are hereby revoked.

**Increases in fees**

3.—(1) Paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002(c) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In the paragraphs specified in column (1) of the Table below for the amounts specified in column (2) there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3).

**TABLE**

<i>(1)</i> <i>Paragraph</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Existing Amount</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Substituted Amount</i>
13(1)(a)	£25	£26
13(1)(b)	£15	£15.50
13(2)	£8.40	£9
13(3)	£3.50	£5.50

(a) 1994 c. 22. Section 57(1) was amended by the Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), section 23 and Schedule 2, paragraph 16. Section 61B was inserted by the Finance Act 1998 (c. 36), section 16 and Schedule 1, paragraph 2.

(b) S.I. 2003/1814. The Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/3094) and the amending Regulations (S.I. 2000/3274) were revoked by regulation 2(1) of, and Part I of Schedule 1 to, the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2742).

(c) S.I. 2002/2742, amended by S.I. 2003/2154.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

10th September 2003

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department for Transport

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2742) (“the 2002 Regulations”).

The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (“the 1994 Act”) was amended by the Finance Act 1998 to provide for reduced rates of vehicle excise duty to be applicable to certain buses, haulage vehicles and heavy goods vehicles when adapted so as to reduce pollution. The Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/3094) (“the 1998 Regulations”) and the Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3274) (“the 2000 Regulations”) were revoked by regulation 2(1) of, and Part I of Schedule 1 to, the 2002 Regulations.

Regulation 5 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2002 Regulations prescribe “the reduced pollution requirements” for the purposes of the 1994 Act which are the requirements that must be satisfied in order that reduced rates of vehicle excise duty may apply to a vehicle and provide for the issue of reduced pollution certificates where the requirements are found to be satisfied.

The fees for examinations are prescribed in paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the 2002 Regulations. Where an examination of a vehicle is carried out under paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 (re-examination of a vehicle for which a reduced pollution certificate is in force) no fee is payable.

*Regulation 2* revokes the Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/1814) (“the 2003 Regulations”). The 2003 Regulations amended the 1998 Regulations even though the 1998 Regulations and the 2000 Regulations had already been revoked by regulation 2(1) of, and Part I of Schedule 1 to, the 2002 Regulations.

*Regulation 3* specifies the increased fees in paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the 2002 Regulations—

- (a) the fee payable where the examination of the vehicle is not carried out at the same time as an examination of the vehicle for specified statutory purposes is increased by 4% from £25 to £26 (paragraph 13(1)(a));
- (b) the fee payable where the examination of the vehicle is carried out at the same time as an examination of the vehicle for specified statutory purposes is increased by 3.3% from £15 to £15.50 (paragraph 13(1)(b));
- (c) the fee payable if, at the request of the applicant, the time appointed for an examination of the vehicle is out of hours is increased by 7.1% from £8.40 to £9 (paragraph 13(2));
- (d) the fee payable if, at the request of the applicant, an examination of the vehicle is carried out otherwise than at premises provided for and maintained by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 52 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 or Article 73 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 (goods vehicle testing stations) is increased by 57.1% from £3.50 to £5.50 (paragraph 13(3)).

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department for Transport, Zone 2/05, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR, (telephone number 020 7944 2455). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

*This Statutory Instrument has been made in consequence of the defective S.I. 2003/1814 and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.*

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