STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2007 No. 498

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007

| Made | 21st February 2007 |
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| Coming into force | lst April 2007 |

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 57 and 61B of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(1).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 1st April 2007.

Increase in fees

2.—(1) Paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002(**2**) 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).

| (1) Paragraph | (2) Existing Amount (£) | (3) Substituted Amount (£) |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 13(1)(a) | 27 | 28 |
| 13(1)(b) | 16 | 17 |
| 13(2) | 10 | 11 |

Table

^{(1) 1994} c. 22; section 57 was amended by the Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), section 23 and Schedule 2, paragraph 16, and by the Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), sections 19(1) and 141, Schedule 5, paragraphs 1 and 16 and Schedule 40. Section 61B was inserted by the Finance Act 1998 (c. 36), section 16 and Schedule 1, paragraph 2, and by the Finance Act 2006 (c. 25), section 14.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 2002/2742; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2003/2335 and 2004/1872.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

21st February 2007

S.J. Ladyman Minister 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 ("the 2002 Regulations").

The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 ("the 1994 Act") provides for reduced rates of vehicle excise duty to be applicable to certain buses, haulage vehicles and heavy goods vehicles ("eligible vehicles") which meet the reduced pollution requirements. Regulation 5 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2002 Regulations prescribe the reduced pollution requirements for the purposes of the 1994 Act and provide for the issue of reduced pollution certificates where the requirements are found to be satisfied.

The fees for such 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 to the 2002 Regulations (re-examination of a vehicle for which a reduced pollution certificate is in force) no fee is payable.

Regulation 2 increases the fees prescribed in paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 in relation to the examination of eligible vehicles. These fees are set out in the Table below with the percentage increase since the fees were last fixed shown in brackets.

| Nature of service | Existing fee (£) | Substituted fee (£) |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| Where the examination of the vehicle is not carried at the same time as an examination of the vehicle for other specified purposes | 27 | 28 (3.7%) |
| Where the examination of the vehicle is carried out at the same time as an examination of the vehicle for other specified purposes | 16 | 17 (6.3%) |
| Where the applicant requests an out of hours examination of the vehicle | 10 | 11 (10%) |

Table

The fee for examinations carried out, at the applicant's request, at a vehicle testing station not provided by the Secretary of State remains unchanged at $\pounds 6$.

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