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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 23

ROAD USER CHARGING

Examination of motor vehicles etc

- 26 (1) Regulations may make provision conferring powers on prescribed persons for or in connection with—
 - (a) examining a motor vehicle for the purpose of ascertaining whether any document required by a charging scheme to be displayed while a motor vehicle is on a road in a charging area is so displayed; or
 - (b) examining a motor vehicle for the purpose of ascertaining whether any equipment required by a charging scheme to be carried in or fitted to a motor vehicle while the vehicle is on a road in a charging area—
 - (i) is so carried or fitted,
 - (ii) is in proper working order, or
 - (iii) has been interfered with [FI with intent to avoid payment of, or [F2 to avoid any person] being identified as having failed to pay, a charge], or whether any conditions relating to the use of any such equipment are satisfied.
 - [F3(2)] Regulations may make provision conferring power on any person authorised in writing by the charging authority to enter a motor vehicle where he has reasonable grounds for suspecting, in relation to a motor vehicle which is on a road, that—
 - (a) any equipment required to be carried in or fitted to the motor vehicle while it is on a road in respect of which charges are imposed has been interfered with with intent to avoid payment of, or [F4to avoid any person] being identified as having failed to pay, a charge imposed by the charging scheme; or
 - (b) there is in the motor vehicle a false document which has been made or used with intent to avoid payment of, or [F5 to avoid any person] being identified as having failed to pay, such a charge.]
 - [F6(2A)] The references in sub-paragraphs (1)(b)(iii) and (2)(a) to interfering with equipment include references to interfering with the functioning of it.]
 - [F7(3) A person who intentionally obstructs a person exercising any power conferred on him by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) above is guilty of an offence.
 - F7(4) A person guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (3) above shall be liable on summary conviction to—
 - (a) a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale, or
 - (b) imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both.

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F7(5) Regulations may make provision conferring power on any person authorised in writing by the charging authority to seize anything (if necessary by detaching it from a motor vehicle) and detain it as evidence of the commission of an offence under paragraph 25 above.]

Textual Amendments

- F1 Words in Sch. 23 para. 26(1)(b)(iii) substituted (E.W.) (1.2.2001 (E.) and otherwise*prosp.*) by 2000 c. 38, ss. 199, 275(1), Sch. 13 para. 11(1)(2) (with s. 196); S.I. 2001/57, art. 3(2), Sch. 3 Pt. I (subject to savings in Sch. 3 Pt. II)
- **F2** Words in Sch. 23 para. 26(1)(b)(iii) inserted (E.W.) (9.2.2009) by Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26), ss. 115(5)(a), 134(4); S.I. 2009/107, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- F3 Sch. 23 para. 26(2) substituted (E.W.) (1.2.2001 (E.) and otherwise *prosp.*) by 2000 c. 38, ss. 199, 275(1), Sch. 13 para. 11(1)(3) (with s. 196); S.I. 2001/57, art. 3(2), Sch. 3 Pt. I (subject to savings in Sch. 3 Pt. II)
- **F4** Words in Sch. 23 para. 26(2)(a) inserted (E.W.) (9.2.2009) by Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26), **ss. 115(5)** (a), 134(4); S.I. 2009/107, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- Words in Sch. 23 para. 26(2)(b) inserted (E.W.) (9.2.2009) by Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26), ss. 115(5)
 (a), 134(4); S.I. 2009/107, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- **F6** Sch. 23 para. 26(2A) inserted (E.W.) (9.2.2009) by Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26), **ss. 115(5)(b)**, 134(4); S.I. 2009/107, art. 2(1), Sch. 1 Pt. 1
- F7 Sch. 23 para. 26(3)(4)(5) inserted (E.W.) (1.2.2001 (E.) and otherwise *prosp.*) by 2000 c. 38, ss. 199, 275(1), Sch. 13 para. 11(1)(4) (with s. 196); S.I. 2001/57, art. 3(2), Sch. 3 Pt. I (subject to savings in Sch. 3 Pt. II)

Commencement Information

Sch. 23 para. 26 wholly in force at 3.7.2000; Sch. 23 para. 26 in force at Royal Assent for certain purposes see s. 425(2); Sch. 23 para. 26 in force for certain further purposes at 8.5.2000 and at 3.7.2000 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(b)(c), Sch. Pts. 2, 3

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