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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2051**

**The Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) Regulations 1998**

**PART IV**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Forgery, false statements etc**

- 14.**—(1) A person who, with intent to deceive—
- (a) forges, alters or uses a document to which this paragraph applies, or
  - (b) lends to, or allows to be used by, any other person a document to which this paragraph applies, or
  - (c) makes or has in his possession any document so closely resembling a document to which this paragraph applies as to be calculated to deceive, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under paragraph (1) shall be liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or to a fine, or to both.
- (3) Paragraph (1) applies to an EC type approval certificate and to an EC certificate of conformity.
- (4) A person who, in supplying information or producing documents for the purposes of these Regulations—
- (a) makes a statement which he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly makes a statement which is false in a material particular, or
  - (b) produces, provides, sends or otherwise makes use of a document which he knows to be false in a material particular or recklessly produces, provides, sends or otherwise makes use of a document which is false in a material particular, shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

**Duty to give reasons etc**

- 15.**—(1) A relevant notice shall specify the reasons for the decision to which it relates, the right to request a review under these Regulations and the time limit for making such a request.
- (2) In this regulation and regulation 16, “relevant notice” means a notice under—
- (a) regulation 4(4) or (7),
  - (b) regulation 9(2) or (3),
  - (c) regulation 10(3) or (4),
  - (d) regulation 11(10) or (11),
  - (e) regulation 12(5), or
  - (f) regulation 13(5).

## Review of decisions

16.—(1) Where the Secretary of State has given a relevant notice to a person, that person may by notice request the Secretary of State to review the decision to which the relevant notice relates.

(2) Such a request shall be made by the person within 28 days from the date that he receives the relevant notice.

(3) On any review under this regulation the Secretary of State may—

- (a) hold an inquiry in connection with it, and
- (b) appoint an assessor for the purpose of assisting him with the review or any such inquiry.

(4) Section 180 of the 1988 Act shall apply to an inquiry under this requirement as it applies to an inquiry under that Act.

(5) In its application to Northern Ireland by virtue of paragraph (4), section 180 of the 1988 Act shall have effect as if in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) after the word “Wales” there were inserted the words “or Northern Ireland”.

## Service of notices

17.—(1) Any document required or authorised by virtue of these Regulations to be given to any person by the Secretary of State may be given—

- (a) by delivering it to him or by leaving it at his proper address or by sending it by post to him at that address, or
- (b) if the person is a body corporate, by serving it in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) on the secretary or clerk of that body, or
- (c) if the person is a partnership, by serving it in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) on a partner or a person having the control or management of the partnership business.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation and section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978(1) (which relates to the service of documents by post) in its application to this regulation, the proper address of any person on whom a document is to be served shall be his last known address, except that—

- (a) in the case of service on a body corporate or its secretary or clerk, it shall be the address of the registered or principal office of the body,
- (b) in the case of service on a partnership or a partner or a person having the control or management of a partnership business, it shall be the address of the principal office of the partnership,

and for the purposes of this paragraph the principal office of a company registered outside the United Kingdom, or of a partnership carrying on business outside the United Kingdom, is its principal office within the United Kingdom.

(3) If a person to be served by virtue of these Regulations with any document by the Secretary of State has specified to the Secretary of State an address within the United Kingdom other than his proper address (as determined in pursuance of paragraph (2)) as the one at which he or someone on his behalf will accept documents of the same description as that document, that address shall be treated as his proper address for the purposes of this regulation and for the purposes of the said section 7 in its application to this regulation.

### **Provision of testing stations**

**18.** The Secretary of State may provide and maintain stations where examinations of vehicles and of components of such vehicles to which these Regulations apply may be carried out for the purposes of these Regulations and may provide and maintain apparatus for carrying out such examinations.

### **Transitional**

**19.—(1)** An application for an EC type approval made under the 1980 Regulations or the 1987 Regulations or the Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) Regulations 1992<sup>(2)</sup> before the coming into force of these Regulations shall have effect as if it had been made under these Regulations.

(2) Nothing in these Regulations shall affect the validity of anything done under the 1980 Regulations or the 1987 Regulations or the Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) Regulations 1992 before the coming into force on these Regulations.

(3) This regulation does not apply to an application relating to the provisions set out in Part II of Schedule 2 to the 1980 Regulations or Part II of Schedule 3 to the 1987 Regulations.

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(2) S.I.1992/3107 amended by S.I. 1993/1221 and 2198, 1994/617 and 1570, 1995/2328 and S.I. 1997/191 and 1501.