



# Transport Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 49

### PART II

#### TESTING, MARKING AND APPROVAL OF VEHICLES

##### *Miscellaneous and supplemental*

#### 24 Falsification of documents

- (1) The following section shall be substituted for section 171 of the 1972 Act (issue of false documents)—

**“171 Falsification of documents.**

- (1) A person shall be guilty of an offence who issues—
- (a) any such document as is referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of section 170(6) of this Act;
  - (b) a test certificate, plating certificate, goods vehicle test certificate or certificate of conformity ;
  - (c) a certificate of temporary exemption under regulations made under section 44(10A) or 46(5)(b) of this Act; or
  - (d) a notice removing a prohibition under section 57 of this Act;
- if the document or certificate so issued is to his knowledge false in a material particular.
- (2) A person who amends a certificate of conformity shall be guilty of an offence if the certificate as amended is to his knowledge false in a material particular.
- (3) Expressions used in subsections (1)(b) and (2) above have the same meanings as they respectively have for the purposes of Part II of this Act.”.

- (2) In section 173(2) of that Act (seizure of documents etc. suspected of being false)—

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (a) for the words from " a certifying officer " to " this Act " there shall be substituted the words " a certifying officer or a public service vehicle examiner appointed under the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981, an examiner appointed under section 56 of this Act or an authorised inspector under section 8 of the Transport Act 1982 " .; and
  - (b) in paragraph (b), after the words " plating certificates " there shall be inserted the words " notices removing prohibitions under section 57 of this Act " .
- (3) In Part I of Schedule 4 to the 1972 Act (prosecution and punishment of offences)—
- (a) in column one of the entry relating to section 171, for " 171 " there shall be substituted " 171(1) "; and
  - (b) after that entry there shall be inserted the following entry—

“171(2)	Falsely amending certificate of conformity.	Summarily.	£500.	—	—	Section 180 applies.”.
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- (4) The following section shall be inserted after section 66 of the 1981 Act—

**“66A Issue of false documents.**

- (1) If a person issues—
  - (a) a certificate of initial fitness under section 6 of this Act; or
  - (b) a notice removing a prohibition under section 9(1) of this Act;
 which he knows to be false in a material particular, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.
- (2) If a constable, a certifying officer, a public service vehicle examiner or an authorised inspector has reasonable cause to believe that a document produced to him or carried on a vehicle by its driver is a document in relation to which an offence has been committed under this section, he may seize the document.
- (3) The power to seize a document under subsection (2) above includes power to detach a document carried on a vehicle from the vehicle.”.