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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

#### EXEMPT VEHICLES

*Ambulances<sup>F1</sup>, medical courier vehicles] and health service vehicles*

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in Sch. 2 para. 6 cross-heading inserted (1.4.2020) by [Finance Act 2020 \(c. 14\), s. 87\(2\)\(4\)](#)

- 6 (1) An ambulance is an exempt vehicle.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) “ambulance” means a vehicle which—
- (a) is constructed or adapted for, and used for no purpose other than, the carriage of sick, injured or disabled people to or from welfare centres or places where medical or dental treatment is given, and
  - (b) is readily identifiable as a vehicle used for the carriage of such people by being marked “Ambulance” on both sides.

- <sup>F2</sup>6A (1) A vehicle is an exempt vehicle if—
- (a) it is used primarily for the transportation of medical items,
  - (b) it is readily identifiable as a vehicle used for the transportation of medical items by being marked “Blood” on both sides, and
  - (c) it is registered under this Act in the name of a charity whose main purpose is to provide services for the transportation of medical items.

- (2) In this paragraph—
- “charity” means a charity as defined by paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2010;
- “medical items” means items intended for use for medical purposes, including in particular—
- (a) blood;
  - (b) medicines and other medical supplies;
  - (c) items relating to people who are undergoing medical treatment;
- “item” includes any substance.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F2** Sch. 2 para. 6A inserted (1.4.2020) by [Finance Act 2020 \(c. 14\), s. 87\(3\)\(4\)](#)

- 7 A vehicle is an exempt vehicle when it is being used or kept on a road by—
- (a) a health service body (as defined in section 60(7) of the <sup>M1</sup>National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990) or a health and social services

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- body (as defined in Article 7(6) of the <sup>M2</sup>Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991), or
- (b) a National Health Service trust established under [<sup>F3</sup>the National Health Service Act 2006, the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006] or the <sup>M3</sup>National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 or a Health and Social Services Trust established under the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 [<sup>F4</sup>or
- [ an NHS foundation trust, or]
- <sup>F5</sup>(ba)
- <sup>F6</sup>(c) ..... ]<sup>F7</sup> ...
- <sup>F8</sup>(d) ..... ]<sup>F9</sup> ...
- (e) a Local Health Board established under [<sup>F10</sup>section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006]]<sup>F11</sup>or
- [<sup>F12</sup>(f) the Care Quality Commission.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in Sch. 2 para. 7(b) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\), ss. 2, 8\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 170\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F4** Sch. 2 para. 7(c) and the word preceding it inserted (1.11.1999) by S.I. 1999/2795, [art. 5](#)
- F5** Sch. 2 para. 7(ba) inserted (1.4.2004 for E.W.) by [Health and Social Care \(Community Health and Standards\) Act 2003 \(c. 43\), s. 34, Sch. 4 para. 96](#); S.I. 2004/759, [art. 2](#)
- F6** Sch. 2 para. 7(c) repealed (1.4.2009) by [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c. 14\), s. 170\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 5 para. 62\(a\), Sch. 15 Pt. 1](#); S.I. 2009/462, [art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1 paras. 35\(x\), 36](#)
- F7** Sch. 2 para. 7(d) and preceding word inserted (8.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/90, [art. 3, Sch. 1 para. 28](#)
- F8** Sch. 2 para. 7(d) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/594\), arts. 1\(2\), 2](#)
- F9** Sch. 2 para. 7(e) and preceding word inserted (10.10.2002 for W. and 1.3.2007 for E.) by [National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 \(c. 17\), s. 6\(2\), Sch. 5 para. 39](#); S.I. 2002/2532, [art. 2, Sch. 1 Pt. 2 para. 12](#)
- F10** Words in Sch. 2 para. 7(e) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\), ss. 2, 8\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 170\(c\)](#) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F11** Sch. 2 para. 7(f) and preceding word added (11.11.2004) by [The Health and Social Care \(Community Health and Standards\) Act 2003 \(Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection and Commission for Social Care Inspection\) \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2987\), art. 2\(1\)\(g\)\(ii\)](#)
- F12** Sch. 2 para. 7(f) substituted (1.4.2009) by [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(c. 14\), s. 170\(3\)\(4\), Sch. 5 para. 62\(b\)](#); S.I. 2009/462, [art. 2\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 35\(x\)](#)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1990 c. 19.
- M2** S.I. 1991/194 (N.I.1).
- M3** 1978 c. 29.

8 A vehicle which is made available by the Secretary of State [<sup>F13</sup>or the Welsh Ministers]—

- (a) to a person, body or local authority under [<sup>F14</sup>section 12 or 80 of the National Health Service Act 2006, or section 10 or 38 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006] , or

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- (b) to a local authority, education authority or voluntary organisation in Scotland under section 15 or 16 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978,
- and which is used in accordance with the terms on which it is so made available is an exempt vehicle.

#### Textual Amendments

- F13** Words in Sch. 2 para. 8 inserted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\), ss. 2, 8\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 171\(a\)](#) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F14** Words in Sch. 2 para. 8(a) substituted (1.3.2007) by [National Health Service \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 43\), ss. 2, 8\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 171\(b\)](#) (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)

- 9 (1) A veterinary ambulance is an exempt vehicle.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) “veterinary ambulance” means a vehicle which—
- (a) is used for no purpose other than the carriage of sick or injured animals to or from places where veterinary treatment is given, and
  - (b) is readily identifiable as a vehicle used for the carriage of such animals by being marked “Veterinary Ambulance” on both sides.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(5)(za) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(aa) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(6\)](#)
- s. 22(1AA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(9\)](#)
- s. 22(1BA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1N inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(5\)\(e\)\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 20G(2)(za)-(zc) inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(7\)](#)