



Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 22

PART II

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Registration

[^{F1}22B Registration of vehicles: certificates of conformity etc.

- (1) Subsections (2) to (3C) have effect notwithstanding any other enactment.
- (2) A vehicle—
 - (a) which was completed before IP completion day, and
 - (b) in respect of which there is an EC certificate of conformity issued in reliance on a relevant European approval granted by or on the authority of an EU State,may not be registered under section 21 in Great Britain unless one of the conditions in subsection (3) applies to the vehicle.
- (3) The conditions are—
 - (a) the vehicle is qualifying Northern Ireland goods;
 - (b) the vehicle was in the United Kingdom immediately before IP completion day;
 - (c) a relevant UK certificate has effect with respect to the vehicle.
- (3A) A vehicle which is completed on or after IP completion day may not be registered under section 21 in Great Britain unless—
 - (a) it is qualifying Northern Ireland goods in respect of which there is an EC certificate of conformity issued in reliance on a relevant European approval granted by or on the authority of an EU State, or
 - (b) a relevant UK certificate has effect with respect to it.
- (3B) A vehicle completed before IP completion day may not be registered under section 21 in Northern Ireland unless—

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- (a) an EC certificate of conformity issued in reliance on a relevant European approval granted by or on the authority of an EU State has effect in respect of it, or
 - (b) it was in the United Kingdom immediately before IP completion day and a relevant UK certificate issued before that day has effect with respect to it.
- (3C) A vehicle completed on or after IP completion day may not be registered under section 21 in Northern Ireland unless—
- (a) an EC certificate of conformity issued in reliance on a relevant European approval granted by or on the authority of an EU State has effect in respect of it, or
 - (b) a relevant Northern Ireland certificate has effect with respect to it.
- (4) In this section—
- “EC certificate of conformity” has the meaning given in section 85 of the Road Traffic Act 1988;
 - “EU State” means—
 - (a) in relation to the period before exit day, a member State other than the United Kingdom,
 - (b) in relation to the period on or after exit day, a member State;
 - “qualifying Northern Ireland goods” has the meaning given by regulations made under section 8C(6) of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018;
 - “relevant European approval” has the meaning given in section 55(1C) of that Act;
 - “relevant Northern Ireland certificate” means—
 - (a) a certificate issued pursuant to regulation 16(7) or 18(10) of the Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2020 ([S.I. 2020/818](#)), as they apply in and in relation to Northern Ireland,
 - (b) a certificate of conformity issued under Article 31A(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981,
 - (c) a Department’s approval certificate issued under Article 31A(4) or (5) of that Order, or
 - (d) an EC certificate of conformity issued in reliance on a valid relevant European approval granted by or on the authority of the Secretary of State in relation to Northern Ireland;
 - “relevant UK certificate” means—
 - (a) a certificate of conformity issued under section 57 of the Road Traffic Act 1988,
 - (b) a Minister’s approval certificate issued under section 58 of that Act,
 - (c) a certificate issued pursuant to regulation 25(10) or 27(10) of the Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2009 ([S.I. 2009/717](#)),
 - (ca) a certificate issued pursuant to regulation 16(7) or 18(10) of the Road Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2020 ([S.I. 2020/818](#)),
 - (d) a certificate of conformity issued under Article 31A(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981,
 - (e) a Department’s approval certificate issued under Article 31A(4) or (5) of that Order, or
 - (f) an EC certificate of conformity which was issued otherwise than in reliance on a valid relevant European approval granted by or on the authority of an EU State.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 22B inserted (temp.) (31.12.2020 for a period of two years at the end of which this amending provision will expire) by virtue of [The Road Vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery \(Type-Approval\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/648), regs. 1(b)(ii), **3(3)** (with reg. 11) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/1393](#), regs. 1(2), **2(3)** and [S.I. 2020/818](#), Sch. 6 para. 39(3)(b)); [2020 c. 1](#), [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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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\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(7\)](#)