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## NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The National Health Service (Vehicles) Order 1974

*Made* - - - 5th February 1974

*Laid before Parliament* 8th February 1974

*Coming into Operation* 1st April 1974

THE Secretary of State for Social Services in exercise of powers conferred upon him by section 11(7) of The National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973(a) as extended by section 13(3) of that Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Citation and commencement*

1. This Order may be cited as The National Health Service (Vehicles) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1974.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this order to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(2) The rules for the construction of Acts of Parliament contained in the Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the purposes of the interpretation of this Order as they apply for the purposes of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Amendment of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971*

3.—(1) The Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971(c) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

(2) In section 4(1), after paragraph (k), there shall be added the following paragraph:—

“(l) vehicles which are made available by the Secretary of State to any person, body or local authority in pursuance of section 11 or section 13 of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 and which are used in accordance with the terms on which they are so made available.”

*Amendment of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972*

4.—(1) Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972(d) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph.

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(a) 1973 c. 32.  
(c) 1971 c. 10.

(b) 1889 c. 63.  
(d) 1972 c. 20.

(2) In section 144(2), after paragraph (e), there shall be added the following paragraph:—

“(f) to a vehicle which is made available by the Secretary of State to any person, body or local authority in pursuance of section 11 or section 13 of the National Health Service Reorganisation Act 1973 at a time when it is being used in accordance with the terms on which it is so made available.”

5th February 1974.

*Keith Joseph,*  
Secretary of State for Social Services.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order makes provision for National Health Service vehicles made available for the use of any person, body or local authority to be exempted from the statutory requirements in respect of vehicle excise duty and third party insurance provided that they are used in accordance with the terms under which they are made available.

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