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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 2123**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and  
Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1987**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th December 1987</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>11th December 1987</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st January 1988</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 16 and 37 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971<sup>(1)</sup>, and of all enabling powers, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 1987 and shall come into force on 1st January 1988.

**Amendment of Regulations**

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971<sup>(2)</sup> shall be further amended in accordance with these Regulations.

3. In regulation 28(1)(a), the words from “and all recovery vehicles” to “business” shall be omitted.

4. In regulation 35 —

- (a) in paragraph (3) the words “or a recovery vehicle” to “business” shall be omitted, and
- (b) sub-paragraph (l) of paragraph 4 shall be omitted.

5. In regulation 38(1), sub-paragraph (b) shall be omitted.

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(1) 1971 c. 10; section 16 was amended by the Finance Act 1987 (c. 16), Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 5.  
(2) S.I. 1971/450; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1986/2101.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

8th December 1987

*Peter Bottomley*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Transport

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

1. These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971 in consequence of the Finance Act 1987.
2. Section 2 of the Finance Act 1987 amended the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 for the purpose of establishing recovery vehicles as a class of vehicles chargeable with a specific duty of excise.
3. Previously, under section 16 of the 1971 Act a motor trader could take out a trade licence for all recovery vehicles kept by him for the purpose of dealing with disabled vehicles in the course of that business. As a result of the amendments made by the 1987 Act trade licences can no longer be taken out for a recovery vehicle kept for that purpose.
4. Part V of the principal Regulations deals with trade licences. The amendments remove from Part V the provisions relating to recovery vehicles.