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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1994 No. 2735**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing)  
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>23rd October 1994</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>31st October 1994</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st December 1994</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22(1)(c) and 57(3) of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into force on 1st December 1994.

2. For paragraph (1) of regulation 16 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1973<sup>(2)</sup> there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

“(1) The Secretary of State may make any particulars contained in the register available for use—

- (a) by a district council for any purpose connected with the investigation of an offence;
- (b) by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary;
- (c) by an officer of Customs and Excise; or
- (d) on payment of a fee of such amount as the Secretary of State considers to be reasonable in the circumstances of the case, by any person who can show to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that he has reasonable cause for wanting the particulars to be made available to him.

(1A) In paragraph (1) above “an officer of Customs and Excise” means an officer as defined in section 1(1) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979<sup>(3)</sup> and includes any person engaged as mentioned in section 8(2) of that Act.”

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(1) 1994 c. 22.

(2) S.R. & O (N.I.) 1973, No. 490. Relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1986/706.

(3) 1979 c. 2.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

department of Transport  
23rd October 1994

*Steven Norris*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations re-enact with amendments provisions authorising the Secretary of State to make particulars contained in the register of mechanically propelled vehicles available to (a) a district council in connection with the investigation of an offence, (b) a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, (c) an officer of Customs and Excise or (d) any person who can show reasonable cause. The particulars are to be provided free of charge for (a), (b) and (c) and on payment of a fee of an amount appearing to the Secretary of State to be reasonable in the circumstances of the case for (d). This discretionary fee supersedes the fixed fee of £3.50 which was prescribed in 1986.