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1999 No. 2392

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations 1999

Made	26th August 1999
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The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 57 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(**a**) as extended by section 156 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(**b**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of the latter Act, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 17th September 1999.

Preliminary

2. The Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) Regulations 1972(c) shall be further amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

Amendment of regulation 9 (production of evidence of insurance or security on application for excise licences)

3. After regulation 9(3) there shall be inserted—

"(4) A person applying for a vehicle licence for a vehicle under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 shall not be required to comply with the provisions of paragraph (1) if—

- (a) on the date when the licence is to come into operation there will be in force the necessary policy in relation to the use of the vehicle by the applicant or by other persons on his order or with his permission;
- (b) the policy has been issued by an insurer which has entered into an agreement with the Secretary of State for the purposes of this paragraph of this regulation;

⁽a) 1994 c. 22; section 57 was amended by the Finance Act 1996 (c. 8), Schedule 2, paragraph 6.

⁽b) 1998 c. 52; section 156 was amended by the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, Schedule 3, paragraph 45.

⁽c) S.I. 1972/1217; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1997–97.

- (c) in pursuance of that agreement the insurer has either—
 - (i) made available for inspection by the Secretary of State an electronic data base maintained by it, on which there are recorded sufficient particulars of the policy to enable the Secretary of State to satisfy himself that condition (a) is satisfied; or
 - (ii) confirmed to the Secretary of State that condition (a) is satisfied."

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Gus Macdonald Parliamentary Under Secretary of State Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

26th August 1999

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) Regulations 1972 so as to exempt an applicant for a vehicle licence under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 from the requirements of regulation 9(1) of those Regulations (production of evidence of insurance) if specified conditions are complied with. The conditions are that the applicant must be covered by a policy issued by an insurer which has entered into an agreement with the Secretary of State, whereby either the Secretary of State can verify from a data base maintained by the insurer, or the insurer confirms to the Secretary of State, that the necessary policy will be in force when the licence has effect.

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