

**2001 No. 1814**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Traffic Offenders (Additional Offences and Prescribed Devices) Order 2001**

*Made* - - - - - *9th May 2001*  
*Laid before Parliament* *10th May 2001*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st June 2001*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 20(3) and (9) of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988(a), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic Offenders (Additional Offences and Prescribed Devices) Order 2001 and shall come into force on 1st June 2001.

2. In this Order, “the 1988 Act” means the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.

3. In section 20(2) (evidence from prescribed devices: applicable offences), after paragraph (f) add—

“(g) an offence under section 29(1) of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(b) (using or keeping an unlicensed vehicle on a public road).”.

4.—(1) The following device is prescribed for the purposes of section 20 of the 1988 Act: a device designed or adapted to register—

- (a) an image of a vehicle and its registration mark; and
- (b) the time at which the image is registered.

and to record that information if, according to data stored by or otherwise accessible by the device, that vehicle is unlicensed

(2) In this article, expressions which also occur in section 29 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 shall be construed in accordance with sections 29 and 62 of that Act.

Home Office  
9th May 2001

*Charles Clarke*  
Minister of State

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(a) 1988 c. 53; section 20 was substituted by section 23 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40) and subsection (2) was amended by the Road Traffic Offenders (Additional Offences and Prescribed Devices) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/384).  
(b) 1994 c. 22; section 29 was amended by Schedule 2 to the Finance Act 1996 (c. 8).

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order amends section 20 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 to add the offence of using, or keeping, an unlicensed vehicle other than an exempt vehicle on a public road to the offences to which that section, which deals with the admissibility of certain evidence, applies. It also prescribes as devices which may be used to produce evidence under that section automatic number plate recognition systems designed or adapted to record the presence of such a vehicle on a public road.

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