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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 2285**

**The Road User Charging (Charges and  
Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001**

**PART II**

**PENALTY CHARGES**

**Liability for charges and penalty charges**

6.—(1) In this regulation—

(a) “relevant vehicle” means a vehicle in respect of which charges or penalty charges are imposed by a charging scheme arising out of its having been used or kept on a road in a charging area designated by the scheme as a road in respect of which a charge is imposed; and

(b) “relevant time” means the time at which a relevant vehicle was so used or kept on that road.

(2) The circumstances in which, and the persons by whom, charges and penalty charges imposed in respect of a relevant vehicle by a charging scheme are to be payable otherwise than by the registered keeper are those specified in paragraphs (3) to (6).

(3) Where the relevant vehicle is not registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, charges and penalty charges shall be payable by the person by whom the relevant vehicle was used or kept on a road at the relevant time.

(4) Where at the relevant time the relevant vehicle was kept by a person who was [<sup>F1</sup>a vehicle trader as defined by regulation 20(6) of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002] and that person was not the registered keeper, charges and penalty charges shall be payable by that person.

(5) Where before the relevant time the registered keeper had notified the Secretary of State in writing, in accordance with [<sup>F2</sup>regulation 21, 22, 23, 24 or 25 of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002], that there had been a change of ownership of the relevant vehicle so that it was no longer kept by him, charges and penalty charges shall be payable by the person by whom the vehicle was kept at the relevant time.

(6) Where at the relevant time—

(a) the registered keeper of the relevant vehicle was a vehicle-hire firm;

(b) the relevant vehicle was hired from that firm under a hiring agreement;

(c) the person hiring it signed a statement of liability acknowledging his liability for any charges or penalty charges incurred under a charging scheme during the currency of the hiring agreement,

charges and penalty charges shall be payable by the hirer of the vehicle.

(7) The date on which the registered keeper shall be taken for the purposes of these Regulations to have notified the Secretary of State as mentioned in paragraph (5) shall be the date on which

service on the Secretary of State is to be taken to have been effected in accordance with section 7 of the Interpretation Act 1978(1) of—

- [<sup>F3</sup>(a) in a case where regulation 21 of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002 applies, the information specified in regulation 21(2)(b) of those Regulations;
- (b) in a case where regulation 22 of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002 applies, parts of the registration document in accordance with regulation 22(2)(b);
- (c) in a case where regulation 23 of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002 applies, notification in accordance with regulation 23(2);
- (d) in a case where regulation 24 of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002 applies, the information and declarations in accordance with regulation 24(5)(a); or
- (e) in a case where regulation 25 of the Registration and Licensing Regulations 2002 applies, notification in accordance with regulation 25(1)(a).]

- F1** Words in [reg. 6\(4\)](#) substituted (17.2.2003) by [The Road User Charging \(Charges and Penalty Charges\) \(London\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/109\)](#), regs. 1, [5\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in [reg. 6\(5\)](#) substituted (17.2.2003) by [The Road User Charging \(Charges and Penalty Charges\) \(London\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/109\)](#), regs. 1, [5\(3\)](#)
- F3** [Reg. 6\(7\)\(a\)-\(e\)](#) substituted for [reg. 6\(7\)\(a\)\(b\)](#) (17.2.2003) by [The Road User Charging \(Charges and Penalty Charges\) \(London\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2003 \(S.I. 2003/109\)](#), regs. 1, [5\(4\)](#)

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Reg. 6 in force at 16.7.2001, see [reg. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001, Section 6.