
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 3073

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing)
(Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2003**

Registration document

3. There shall be inserted after regulation 10—

“Registration document

10A.—(1) This regulation applies to vehicles falling within the definition of “vehicle” in Article 2 of Council Directive [70/156/EEC](#) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the type approval of motor vehicles and their trailers⁽¹⁾ and in Article 2 of Council Directive [92/61/EEC](#) relating to the type-approval of two or three-wheeled motor vehicles⁽²⁾.

(2) The Secretary of State shall not issue a new registration document on or after 31st January 2004 unless it complies with Annex I of Council Directive [1999/37/EC](#) on the registration documents for vehicles⁽³⁾ as regards—

- (a) dimensions;
- (b) composition; and
- (c) information contained within it;

except that in relation to a new registration document, the information contained may be limited to that available to the Secretary of State.

(3) Any registration document which does not comply with Council Directive [1999/37/EC](#) on the registration documents for vehicles shall cease to have effect on the earlier of—

- (a) the date on which the Secretary of State issues a new registration document under these Regulations; or
- (b) 1st July 2005.

(4) In registering for the first time on or after 1st June 2004 a vehicle, which has been registered in another member State or Gibraltar, the Secretary of State shall recognise as a registration document a document which has been issued in respect of that vehicle by that other member State or Gibraltar if it complies with Annex I or Annexes I and II of Council Directive [1999/37/EC](#).

(5) Where the Secretary of State registers a vehicle in accordance with paragraph (4) he shall—

- (a) retain the former registration document for not less than 6 months; and

(1) OJNo. L 42, 32.2.1970, p. 1; the Directive was last amended by Commission Directive [98/14/EC](#) (OJ No. L 91, 25.3.1998, p. 1).
(2) OJ No. L 225, 10.8.92, p. 72.
(3) OJ No. L 138, 1.6.1999, p. 60.

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- (b) within 2 months of registration in the United Kingdom, notify the authorities in the member State or in Gibraltar where the vehicle was previously registered of his act of registration.”.