## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2004 No. 242

## The Private Hire Vehicles (London) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2004

## Registration of existing private hire vehicles

- **3.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, the holder of a London PHV Operator's licence may apply to Transport for London for a vehicle to be registered as an existing private hire vehicle.
  - (2) An application under paragraph (1) shall include a declaration by the applicant that—
    - (a) the vehicle is constructed or adapted to seat fewer than nine passengers;
    - (b) if the vehicle is one to which section 47 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1) (obligatory test certificates) applies, a test certificate has been issued for it within the period of twelve months ending with the date on which the application is sent to Transport for London;
    - (c) there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance or such security in respect of third party risks as complies with the requirements of Part VI (third-party insurance) of the Road Traffic Act 1988;
    - (d) the person in whose name the vehicle is registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(2) raises no objection to the disclosure by the Secretary of State to Transport for London of any particulars relating to the vehicle contained in the register of mechanically propelled vehicles maintained by the Secretary of State under that Act; and
    - (e) the vehicle has been used as a private hire vehicle on roads in London under a booking which was made through the applicant at an operating centre specified in the applicant's London PHV operator's licence.
- (3) An application shall be made by sending by prepaid post or otherwise delivering to Transport for London at the Public Carriage Office, 15 Penton Street, London N1 9PU the form provided by it for the purpose—
  - (a) completed to include the declaration required by paragraph (2) and such other particulars as Transport for London may reasonably require; and
  - (b) signed by the applicant.
- (4) The form shall be treated as validly delivered to Transport for London if, and only if, it is received by Transport for London before 8th June 2004, whether before or after the making of these Regulations.
- (5) Transport for London shall register a vehicle as an existing private hire vehicle if it is satisfied that the form submitted by the applicant meets the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) and has been validly delivered.
- (6) Transport for London shall, for the purposes of this regulation, maintain a register of existing private hire vehicles containing the following particulars with respect to each vehicle—

<sup>(1)</sup> Section 47 was amended by the Finance Act 1994 (c. 9), Schedule 2, paragraph 29 and by the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22) Schedule 3, paragraph 24(2).

<sup>(2) 1994</sup> c. 22.

- (a) the registration mark;
- (b) the make, model and colour; and
- (c) the name and address of the owner.
- (7) Transport for London shall remove particulars of an existing private hire vehicle from the register if any temporary permit issued with respect to it ceases to have effect in accordance with regulation 6.
- (8) Section 23(2) of the 1998 Act applies to the register maintained under this regulation as it applies to the register maintained under section 23(1).