
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke the Vehicles Crime (Registration of Registration Plate Suppliers) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (“the principal Regulations”) and make provision for the registration of registration plate suppliers which extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.

These Regulations—

- (a) provide that the selling of registration plates when fixed to a vehicle is exempted as not being the sale of a registration plate under section 17 of the Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 where the seller is a dealer in vehicles and has arranged first registration of the vehicle or has not himself fixed the plates to the vehicle (*regulation 3*);
- (b) prescribe the particulars to be contained in the register (*regulation 4*);
- (c) prescribe the requirements for an application for registration and the fee (*regulation 5*);
- (d) provide that a seller must obtain and verify information from a prospective purchaser before selling a plate (*regulation 6 and the Schedule*);
- (e) provide for the keeping of records by registered persons (*regulation 7*); and
- (f) revoke the principal Regulations and amending regulations (*regulation 8*).

A full impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Policy and External Communications Directorate at the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency, Swansea, SA6 7JL and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website, www.opsi.gov.uk. A copy of the assessment has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.