

**2013 No. 2909**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2013**

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| <i>Made</i>                   | - - - - | <i>16th November 2013</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> |         | <i>20th November 2013</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i>      | - -     | <i>16th December 2013</i> |

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 22(1D) and (2) and 57(1) and (2)(a) of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and come into force on 16th December 2013.

**Preliminary**

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002(b) are amended in accordance with the following regulations.

**Amendments to regulation 33 (nil licences)**

3.—(1) In regulation 33(3)(a), at the beginning insert “subject to paragraph (3A),”.

(2) After regulation 33(3), insert—

“(3A) A first nil licence may be granted for a period—

- (a) in accordance with paragraph (3)(a), or
- (b) consisting in the aggregate of 12 months commencing with the relevant month and the appropriate number of days.

(3B) In paragraph (3A)—

“first nil licence” means a nil licence for a vehicle on the issue of which the vehicle is first registered under the 1994 Act;

“the relevant month” means the month immediately following the month in which the nil licence first has effect; and

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(a) 1994 c.22; section 22(1D) was inserted by the Finance Act 1996 (c.8), section 23 and Schedule 2, paragraphs 6 and 7 and amended by the Finance Act 2002 (c.23), section 19(1) and Schedule 5, paragraphs 1 and 6(1) and subsequently amended by the Finance Act 2008 (c.9), sections 144(1) and (4). Section 57(1) was amended by the Finance Act 1996, sections 23 and 205, Schedule 2, paragraph 16 and Schedule 41, Part II, paragraph 6.

(b) S.I. 2002/2742; amended by S.I. 2003/2154; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.

“the appropriate number of days” is the number of days between the tenth or seventeenth or twenty-fourth day (as appropriate) of the month in which the nil licence first has effect and the last day of that month (inclusive of both those days).”.

#### **Amendments to Schedule 4 (statutory off-road notification)**

4. Paragraphs 5 and 9 of Schedule 4 are omitted.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

16th November 2013

*Robert Goodwill*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002.

Regulation 3 makes provision for first nil licences for vehicles to run from specified dates during a month. Such licences may run for a period of 12 months plus a further period commencing on the 10th, 17th or 24th day (as appropriate) of the month in which the licence first has effect.

Regulation 4 alters provisions relating to statutory off-road notifications. Schedule 4 is amended to remove the requirement to have to annually make a statutory off-road notification; once a statutory off-road notification is made it will have effect indefinitely, until such time as a vehicle licence or nil licence is taken out for that vehicle. In the event the vehicle keeper of an unlicensed vehicle is changed, and the new vehicle keeper wishes to keep the vehicle unlicensed, the new vehicle keeper will have to make a new statutory off-road notification.

An Impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 4DR and is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside this instrument on the website, [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).

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