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Transport Act 1982

1982 CHAPTER 49

PART II

TESTING, MARKING AND APPROVAL OF VEHICLES

Miscellaneous and supplemental

PROSPECTIVE

^{X1}24 **Falsification of documents.**

- (1) The following section shall be substituted for section 171 of the 1972 Act (issue of false documents)—

“171 Falsification of documents.

- (1) A person shall be guilty of an offence who issues—
- any such document as is referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of section 170(6) of this Act;
 - a test certificate, plating certificate, goods vehicle test certificate or certificate of conformity;
 - a certificate of temporary exemption under regulations made under section 44(10A) or 46(5)(b) of this Act; or
 - a notice removing a prohibition under section 57 of this Act;
- if the document or certificate so issued is to his knowledge false in a material particular.
- (2) A person who amends a certificate of conformity shall be guilty of an offence if the certificate as amended is to his knowledge false in a material particular.
- (3) Expressions used in subsections (1)(b) and (2) above have the same meanings as they have respectively have for the purposes of Part II of this Act.”

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- (2) In section 173(2) of that Act (seizure of documents etc. suspected of being false)—
- [^{F1}(a) in subsection (4) after the words ”of this Act” there shall be inserted the words ”or an authorised inspector appointed under section 8 of the Transport Act 1982”];
- (b) in paragraph (b), after the words “plating certificates” there shall be inserted the words “notices removing prohibitions under section 57 of this Act”.
- (3) In Part I of Schedule 4 to the 1972 Act (prosecution and punishment of offences)—
- (a) in column one of the entry relating to section 171, for “171” there shall be substituted “171(1)”; and
- (b) after that entry there shall be inserted the following entry—

“171(2)	Falsely amending certificate of conformity.	Summarily. £500. Section 180 applies.”.
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- (4) The following section shall be inserted after section 66 of the 1981 Act—

“66A Issue of false documents.

- (1) If a person issues—
- (a) a certificate of initial fitness under section 6 of this Act; or
- (b) a notice removing a prohibition under section 9(1) of this Act;
- which he knows to be false in a material particular, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.
- (2) If a constable, [^{F2}an examiner appointed under section 66A of the Road Traffic Act 1988] or an authorised inspector has reasonable cause to believe that a document produced to him or carried on a vehicle by its driver is a document in relation to which an offence has been committed under this section, he may seize the document.
- (3) The power to seize a document under subsection (2) above includes power to detach a document carried on a vehicle from the vehicle.”.

Editorial Information

- X1** The text of s. 24 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 24(2)(a) substituted (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:1), ss. 48, Sch. 4 para. 22(2); S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 24(4) substituted (1.7.1992) by Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40, SIF 107:1), s. 48, Sch. 4 para. 22(3); S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 10(2)(b)-(d) substituted for s. 10(2)(b)(c) by [1999 c. 12 Sch. para. 2\(c\)](#)
- s. 10(2)(aa) inserted by [1999 c. 12 Sch. para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 70(2)(a)(iA) repealed by [2012 c. 5 Sch. 14 Pt. 9](#)