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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1985 No. 1737**

**CAR TAX**

**The Car Tax Regulations 1985**

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The Commissioners of Customs and Excise, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 3(3), 5(2), 7(4) and 8 of, and paragraphs 3(2), 5(1) and (2), and 12 of Schedule 1 to, the Car Tax Act 1983(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Regulations:

## PART I

## PRELIMINARY

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Car Tax Regulations 1985 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1986.

*Interpretation*

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” shall mean the Car Tax Act 1983;

“Collector” shall include Deputy Collector and Assistant Collector;

“identifying particulars”, in relation to a vehicle, shall mean the particulars sufficient to identify it, including the date of its manufacture or importation, the make, model and colour, and the serial numbers of the chassis and engine;

“the Legacy Relief Order” shall mean the Customs and Excise Duties (Relief for Imported Legacies) Order 1984 (b);

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(a) 1983 c.53; paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 was amended by section 16 of the Finance Act 1984 (c.43).

(b) S.I. 1984/895.

“the Permanent Reliefs Order” shall mean the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Permanently Imported) Order 1983 (a);

“quarterly period” shall mean the three-monthly period ending on and including the last day of February, the last day of May, the last day of August and the last day of November, in any year;

“registered person” shall mean a person registered by the Commissioners under section 4 of the Act;

“the Temporary Reliefs Order” shall mean the Customs and Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs for Goods Temporarily Imported) Order 1983 (b);

“the Value Added Tax Relief Order” shall mean the Value Added Tax (Temporarily Imported Goods) Relief Order 1985 (c);

“vehicle” shall mean a chargeable vehicle.

(2) In these Regulations any reference to a form prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations shall include a reference to a form to the like effect which has been approved by the Commissioners.

#### *Revocation and savings*

3.—(1) The Car Tax Regulations 1983 (d) are hereby revoked.

(2) Where any document used or required for the purpose of the tax refers to a provision of a regulation revoked by these Regulations, such reference shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be construed as referring to the corresponding provision of these Regulations.

## PART II

### REGISTRATION, NOTIFICATION AND PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL CASES

#### *Notification of liability to be registered*

4. Where a person is liable to be registered he shall include in his notification to the Commissioners the following particulars—

- (a) his name and address and the name in which he carries on business;
- (b) the number of vehicles made or imported by him in the course of his business during the calendar year in which the notification is given and in the preceding calendar year; and
- (c) the address of every place in the United Kingdom used by him in the course of his business for making or storing vehicles and the address where the principal records and accounts of his business are kept.

#### *Transfer of liability for the tax*

5.—(1) This regulation shall apply where, in the course of transferring a business or part of a business as a going concern, a registered person transfers the property in a vehicle—

- (a) before the tax on such a vehicle has become due; and
- (b) for a consideration which does not include an amount in respect of the tax payable.

(a) S.I. 1983/1828.  
(c) S.I. 1985/1646.

(b) S.I. 1983/1829.  
(d) S.I. 1983/1781.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the tax shall be payable by the person to whom the property in the vehicle has passed and the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations shall apply to such person as they apply to a registered person, subject to the modifications mentioned in paragraph (3) below.

(3) The following modifications shall have effect—

- (a) in section 5(2)(b) of the Act, the reference to a vehicle which is delivered under an agreement providing for its sale or return shall be deemed to include a reference to a vehicle which has been so delivered before the property therein was transferred as mentioned in paragraph (1) above;
- (b) in section 5(2)(c) of the Act, the reference to the premises of a registered person shall be deemed to include a reference to the premises of the person by whom the vehicle is transferred; and
- (c) where the person to whom the vehicle is transferred is not liable to be registered or the Commissioners do not think fit to register him, the tax shall be accounted for and paid by him at the time it becomes due, and in such a case, the provisions of regulation 13 below shall not apply.

*Death, bankruptcy or incapacity of a registered person*

6.—(1) If a registered person dies or becomes bankrupt or incapacitated, the Commissioners may, from the date on which he died or became bankrupt or incapacitated, until some other person is registered in respect of his business or the incapacity ceases, as the case may be, treat as a registered person any person carrying on that business and the provisions of the Act and of these Regulations shall apply to any person so treated as though he were a registered person.

(2) Any person carrying on such business as aforesaid shall, within 21 days of commencing to do so, inform the Commissioners in writing of the date of the death or of the nature of the incapacity and the date on which it began.

### PART III

#### ACCOUNTING FOR AND PAYMENT OF THE TAX

*Keeping of records by registered persons*

7. Save as the Commissioners otherwise direct, a registered person shall keep the following records and accounts and shall preserve them for a period of not less than 3 years—

- (a) a record of every vehicle made or imported by him, including its identifying particulars;
- (b) a record of every vehicle appropriated to his own use, the date when it was so appropriated and the amount of the tax due;
- (c) a record of every vehicle delivered by him under an agreement providing for its sale or return including—
  - (i) the name and address of the person to whom, and the date on which, it was so delivered,
  - (ii) a copy of the agreement and of any documents applying the agreement to the vehicle,

- (iii) any return under regulation 11 below or other notification received by him that the vehicle has ceased to be his property or is treated as having so ceased under regulation 12 below, and
- (iv) the date the tax on it became due and the amount thereof;
- (d) a record of every vehicle sent out from his premises, including—
  - (i) the name and address of the person to whom it was sent out,
  - (ii) a copy of any invoice, delivery note or similar document issued by him in respect of it, and
  - (iii) the date the tax on it became due and the amount thereof; and
- (e) copies of all certificates furnished by him under regulation 13 below.

*Making of returns by registered persons*

8.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) or (3) below, a registered person shall make to the Commissioners, in respect of each quarterly period and not later than the last day of the month next following the end of the period to which it relates, a return in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule to these Regulations showing the amount of the tax due from him, containing full information in respect of the other matters specified in the form and a declaration that the return is true and complete.

(2) A registered person who ceases to be liable to be registered during any quarterly period shall, after so ceasing, make to the Commissioners a return in respect of that part of such period during which he was so liable.

(3) Where the Commissioners either generally or in a particular case direct a return to be made otherwise than in accordance with paragraph (1) or (2) above, a registered person to whom such direction is given shall comply therewith.

*Payment of the tax*

9. The tax due from a registered person shall be paid to the Commissioners when he makes a return and, in any event, not later than the last day provided for making that return.

PART IV

VEHICLES DELIVERED ON SALE OR RETURN

*Keeping of records by a person to whom vehicles are delivered*

10.—(1) A person who, in the course of a business carried on by him, has delivered to him under an agreement providing for their sale or return vehicles on which the tax has not been paid, shall keep the records specified in paragraph (2) below and shall preserve them for a period of not less than 3 years.

(2) In respect of each registered person from whom vehicles are delivered as mentioned in paragraph (1) above, there shall be kept a separate record of each vehicle showing—

- (a) the identifying particulars;
- (b) the date it was delivered from the registered person; and, either,
- (c) the date it was returned to that person; or

- (d) the date on which it ceased to be the property of that person or is treated as having so ceased under regulation 12 below.

*Making of returns by a person to whom vehicles are delivered*

**11.** A person to whom regulation 10(1) above applies shall make to the registered person from whom such vehicles were so delivered a return in respect of each quarterly period showing—

- (a) the identifying particulars of each vehicle; and  
(b) the date on which it ceased to be the property of the registered person or is treated as having so ceased under regulation 12 below,

and shall make such return not later than 14 days after the end of the period to which it relates.

*Vehicles treated as ceasing to be the property of a registered person*

**12.—(1)** Subject to the provisions of this regulation, where a registered person delivers a vehicle under an agreement providing for its sale or return, the vehicle shall be treated for the purposes of the tax as ceasing to be his property on the occurrence of any one of the following events—

- (a) acceptance by a customer of an offer for sale of the vehicle when the offer is made by the person to whom it is so delivered;  
(b) acceptance by the person to whom it is so delivered of an offer made by a customer to purchase the vehicle;  
(c) despatch by hand or by post of an application for the vehicle to be registered;  
(d) giving of written instructions for the purpose of any alteration, adaptation or addition to the vehicle or its equipment;  
(e) despatch of the vehicle for any purpose mentioned in sub-paragraph (d) above;  
(f) commencement of any work to make any alteration, adaptation or addition to the vehicle or its equipment;  
(g) making the vehicle the subject of a legally enforceable hire agreement, or hiring it out;  
(h) making the vehicle the subject of a legally enforceable hire-purchase agreement, credit sale agreement, charge, lien or bill of sale, other than a charge or lien created by the registered person;  
(i) use of the vehicle on a public road for demonstration purposes, or its use for any purpose other than display, by the person to whom it is so delivered;  
(j) purchase of the vehicle by the person to whom it is so delivered or its appropriation as stock or to his own use or that of any other person;  
(k) transfer of the vehicle by the person to whom it is so delivered to another person otherwise than under an agreement providing for its sale or return made with the consent of the registered person;  
(l) expiry of 365 days, or such longer period as the Commissioners may allow generally or in any particular case, after the date when under the agreement the vehicle was first delivered from the registered person's premises;  
(m) any act of the person to whom it is so delivered which is inconsistent with his right or ability to return the vehicle.

(2) Sub-paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) above shall not apply where the alteration, adaptation or addition—

- (a) is carried out on the instructions of the registered person;
- (b) consists of any maintenance or repair; or
- (c) consists of the addition of any “slip-on” type of accessory for sales promotion.

(3) The provisions of this regulation shall apply—

- (a) whether or not the vehicle is supplied, by the person to whom it is so delivered, to another person under a further agreement for sale or return; and
- (b) notwithstanding any other event upon which it ceases to be the property of the registered person in accordance with the terms of his agreement with the person to whom it is so delivered.

## PART V

### CERTIFICATES AND STATEMENTS AS TO PAYMENT OF THE TAX

#### *Furnishing of certificates by registered persons*

**13.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, a registered person shall, at the time the tax becomes due, furnish to any person acquiring from him a vehicle which has not been registered, a certificate in the form numbered 2 in the Schedule to these Regulations that the tax due in respect of the vehicle has been or will be paid.

(2) Certificates furnished under this regulation shall be numbered and issued consecutively and signed by the registered person, or a person acting under his written authority, and, unless the Commissioners otherwise allow, no registered person shall issue more than one such certificate in respect of any one vehicle.

#### *Statement to accompany certain untaxed vehicles*

**14.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, a person who makes any vehicle but who is not registered shall furnish to any person acquiring such vehicle from him before the tax in respect of it has been paid, a statement in writing that the vehicle is one on which the tax will be payable before it is registered.

(2) The statement mentioned in paragraph (1) above shall be furnished by such person at the time the vehicle is so acquired and shall show his name and address, the identifying particulars of the vehicle and any registration mark.

#### *Certificates of the Commissioners*

**15.** The Commissioners may issue a certificate in respect of any vehicle stating that the tax on it has been paid or remitted.

## PART VI

## REMISSION OF THE TAX ON IMPORTED VEHICLES

*Remission of the tax on vehicles reimported*

16. Without prejudice to regulations 19, 21, 22 and 23 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax chargeable on importation of any vehicle on its reimportation into the United Kingdom if the vehicle has been previously exported from the United Kingdom and on that exportation the tax was not remitted or repaid under section 7(1) or (2) of the Act.

*Personal vehicles permanently imported*

17.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 24 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) relief from value added tax has been afforded on the importation thereof under either Part V or Part VIII of the Permanent Reliefs Order; and
- (b) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 6 months.

(2) Where the tax has been remitted under this regulation, it shall be a condition that the vehicle is not lent, hired-out, given as security or transferred in the United Kingdom within a period of 12 months from the date on which the tax was remitted.

*Vehicles imported as wedding gifts*

18.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 24 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) relief from value added tax has been afforded on the importation thereof under either article 17 or article 23 of the Permanent Reliefs Order; and
- (b) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 1 day.

(2) Where the tax has been remitted under this regulation, it shall be a condition that the vehicle is not lent, hired-out, given as security or transferred in the United Kingdom within a period of 12 months from the date on which the tax was remitted.

*Visiting Forces*

19.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation and regulation 24 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) the vehicle is imported by or on behalf of an entitled person;
- (b) relief from value added tax has been afforded on the importation thereof under Part XIII of the Permanent Reliefs Order; and
- (c) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 1 day.

(2) Where the tax has been remitted under this regulation, it shall be a condition that the vehicle is not lent, hired-out, given as security or transferred while it is in the United Kingdom except to another entitled person.



(3) In this regulation “entitled person” shall have the same meaning as in Part XIII of the Permanent Reliefs Order.

*Personal vehicles temporarily imported*

**20.** Subject to regulation 24 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) relief from value added tax has been afforded on the importation thereof under any of the following provisions of the Temporary Reliefs Order, namely, articles 10, 13, 14 or 15; and
- (b) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 1 day.

*Vehicles imported by legatees*

**21.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 24 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) the vehicle is imported by or for a person who has become entitled thereto under a testamentary disposition or a donatio mortis causa or on an intestacy;
- (b) relief from value added tax has been afforded on the importation thereof under the Legacy Relief Order; and
- (c) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 1 day.

(2) A vehicle in respect of which relief from value added tax is excluded by reason only of the provisions of article 5(2) and Part 1 of the Schedule to the Legacy Relief Order may be treated, for the purposes of paragraph (1) above, as a vehicle in respect of which such relief has been afforded, and regulation 24(1) shall apply accordingly.

*Vehicles temporarily imported for specified purposes*

**22.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 24 below, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) the vehicle is of a description specified in any of Groups I, II or VII of Schedule 1 to the Value Added Tax Relief Order;
- (b) relief from value added tax has been afforded on the importation thereof under the Value Added Tax Relief Order; and
- (c) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 1 day.

(2) As a condition of remitting the tax the Commissioners may require the deposit of such sum of money or other security as may appear necessary to them for the protection of the revenue.

*Vehicles imported to undergo examination or tests*

**23.—**(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, the Commissioners may remit the tax on any vehicle imported into the United Kingdom on condition that—

- (a) the vehicle is imported to undergo any examination or tests for the purpose of industrial or commercial research;
- (b) such examination or tests do not constitute a sales promotion; and

- (c) the vehicle has been used and owned outside the United Kingdom for not less than 1 day.
- (2) Remission of the tax shall not be granted under this regulation unless—
- (a) the person intending to import the vehicle has made prior application to the Commissioners in writing; and
- (b) the Commissioners are satisfied that the number of vehicles of the type to be imported does not exceed that strictly necessary for the purpose.
- (3) Where the tax has been remitted under this regulation, it shall be a condition that the vehicle is either destroyed during the course of such examination or tests, or, at the conclusion thereof, is exported from the United Kingdom.

*Compliance with conditions*

24.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, where the tax has been remitted on a vehicle in respect of which relief from value added tax has been afforded subject to compliance with any condition imposed under the Permanent Reliefs Order, the Temporary Reliefs Order, the Legacy Relief Order or the Value Added Tax Relief Order, as the case may be, the non-compliance with any such condition as aforesaid shall be treated for the purposes of the tax as a non-compliance with a condition imposed by the Commissioners under this part of these Regulations.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall not apply to the conditions imposed by articles 10(1) and 36(2) of the Permanent Reliefs Order.

PART VII

DISPUTES, DISTRESS AND DILIGENCE

*Prescribed period for disputes as to wholesale value*

25. For the purposes of section 3(3) of the Act (wholesale value) the prescribed period shall be a period of 14 days.

*Distress*

26.—(1) If upon demand made by an authorised person, being a Collector of Customs and Excise or an officer of rank not below that of Higher Executive Officer, a person neglects or refuses to pay tax which he is required to pay under the Act or any regulation made thereunder, a Collector may distrain on the goods and chattels of that person and by warrant signed by him direct any authorised person to levy such distress, provided that where an amount of tax is due under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Act no distress shall be levied until 21 days after that amount became due.

(2) For the purpose of levying any such distress an authorised person may after obtaining a warrant for the purpose signed by a Collector of Customs and Excise break open, in the daytime, any house or premises.

(3) A levy or warrant to break open shall be executed by or under the direction of, and in the presence of, the authorised person.

(4) A distress levied by the authorised person shall be kept for 5 days, at the costs and charges of the person neglecting or refusing to pay.

(5) If the person aforesaid does not pay the sum due, together with the costs and charges, within the said 5 days, the distress shall be independently appraised and shall be sold by public auction by the authorised person for payment of the sums due and all costs and charges; and the costs and charges of taking, keeping and selling the distress shall be retained by the authorised person, and any surplus remaining after the deduction of the costs and charges and of the sum due shall be restored to the owner of the goods distrained.

*Diligence*

27. In Scotland, the following provisions shall have effect—

- (a) Upon certificate made to him by a Collector of Customs and Excise that any tax is due under the Act or any regulation made thereunder and has not been paid, the sheriff shall issue a warrant for the recovery of the said tax by pointing the corporeal moveables of any person entered in the certificate as being a defaulter.
- (b) The warrant shall be executed by the sheriff officers of the sheriffdom.
- (c) The moveables so pointed shall be detained and kept on the ground, or at the house where the same were pointed, or in such other place of which the owner shall have notice, near to the said ground or house, as the officer so pointing the same shall think proper, for the space of 5 days, during which time the said moveables shall remain in the custody of the said officer, and liable to the payment of the whole tax in arrear and to the costs to be paid to the officer who pointed the same as hereinafter directed, unless the owner from whom the same were pointed shall redeem the same, within the said space of 5 days, by payment to the officer of the said tax in arrear and costs, to be settled in the same manner as if the said moveables had been sold as hereinafter directed.
- (d) The moveables so pointed shall, after the expiration of the said 5 days, be valued and appraised by any two persons to be appointed by the officer and shall be sold and disposed of, at a sum not less than the value, by the officer who does point the same.
- (e) The value shall be applied, in the first place, to the satisfaction and payment of the tax owing by the person whose moveables are so pointed, and, in the second place, to the payment for the trouble of the officer so pointing, at the rate of 10 pence per pound of the tax for which the goods shall be so pointed unless the owner from whom the same were pointed shall redeem the same by payment of the appraised value, within the space of 5 days after the valuation, to the officer who pointed the same.
- (f) In case any surplus remains of the price or value, after payment of the said tax, and after payment of what is allowed to be retained by the officer in manner herein directed, such surplus shall be returned to the owner from whom the moveables were pointed.
- (g) In case no purchaser appears at the said sale, then the said moveables, so pointed, shall be consigned and lodged in the hands of the sheriff and if not redeemed by the owner within the space of 5 days after the consignment in the hands of the said sheriff the same shall be roused, sold, and disposed of by order of the sheriff, in such manner, and at such time and place, as he shall appoint, he always being liable to the payment of the tax to the authorised person, and to payment to the officer who shall have pointed the same, for his trouble and expense,

as before stated and to the fees due to the officer, and being, in the third place, entitled to 5 pence per pound of the value of the moveables so disposed of, for his own pains and trouble, after preference and allowance of the said tax, and of what is appointed to be paid to the officer for his trouble.

- (h) There shall also be allowed, to the officer so pointing, the expense of maintaining or preserving the said moveables from the time of pointing the same, during the period allowed to the owner to redeem them, and also the expense of the sale; and in like manner the expense shall be allowed to the sheriff for maintaining or preserving the moveables pointed, during the period that the owner is allowed to redeem, after consignment in his hands, and until the sale thereof, and also the expense of the sale.
- (i) Every auctioneer, or seller by commission, selling by auction, in Scotland, any corporeal moveables whatsoever by any mode of sale at auction shall, at least 3 days before he begins any sale by way of auction, deliver or cause to be delivered to the authorised person a notice in writing, signed by such auctioneer or seller by auction, specifying therein the particular day when such sale is to begin, and the name and surname of the person whose corporeal moveables are to be sold, with his place of residence.

*Bryce Knox,*  
Commissioner of Customs and Excise.

13th November 1985.  
King's Beam House,  
Mark Lane,  
London EC3R 7HE

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 8)

Form No. 1

**Return of Car Tax**

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For the period ..... to .....

The Registered person named below must complete this return and send it with any tax payable to The Chief Cashier, Customs and Excise, Room 123, King's Beam House, 39-41, Mark Lane, London EC3R 7HE to arrive no later

Car Tax Registration Number

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than ..... A prepaid envelope is enclosed.

Failure to make a return or pay the full amount of tax payable by the due date is an offence.

FOR OFFICIAL USE - Date Stamp

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FOR OFFICIAL USE: Received by Ch/BD/GC/GD/N/PO/PRT/C Initials .....	£	£
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**NOTES:**

1. A return which is incomplete or qualified in any way (e.g. marked 'Provisional') does not satisfy the legal requirements.
2. No deduction for goods not paid for in the period is allowable.
3. This return must be signed by the proprietor of the business if an individual; by a partner in the case of a private firm; or by a director or the Company secretary in the case of a limited or other incorporated company.
4. Any alteration(s) made in completing this return must be initialled by the signatory.
5. Cheques etc. must be crossed 'A/C Payee' and made payable to the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

**PART 1.**

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(1) Amount of car tax due on vehicles appropriated to the use of the business (if none, please write 'NONE')		
(2) Amount of car tax due on other vehicles (if none, please write 'NONE')		
(3) Underpayment of any tax due in previous periods but not included in the total entered on a previous return (if none, please write 'NONE')		
(4) Total Tax Due		

**PART 2.** In the period shown above:—

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | YES                      | NO                       |
| (a) Have you begun/ceased using any premises for the business of manufacturing or importing chargeable vehicles or premises where vehicles or materials used for making them are stored?<br>If YES give details of any changes .....    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) Has there been any change in the name, constitution or ownership of the business?<br>If YES give details of any changes .....                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) Has there been any change in the activity of the business connected with chargeable vehicles?<br>If YES give details of any changes .....                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) Has there been any other change in the running of the business (e.g. death, incapacity, or insolvency of the registered person) such as may necessitate alteration of the registration?<br>If YES give details of any changes ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**PART 3. DECLARATION**

- I ..... **DECLARE that:**  
(Insert FULL name of signatory in BLOCK LETTERS)
- the information given in Part 1 of this return is a full and true account of the car tax due for the period stated for the business carried on by the above-named person(s) of making or importing chargeable vehicles;
  - the rate and amounts payable have been calculated in agreement with the statutory provisions and the directions of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise; and
  - the information given in Part 2 of this return is true and complete.

Signature ..... Date .....

*\*Proprietor, Partner, Director, Company Secretary*

**WARNING: There are heavy penalties for making false declarations.**

*\*Delete as necessary—see Note 3.*

Form No. 2

(Regulation 13)

Certificate for Car Tax

I ..... being duly authorised to give this certificate on behalf of \* ..... a person registered pursuant to section 4 of the Car Tax Act 1983 hereby certify that car tax due on the vehicle described below has been or will be paid by \* .....

- Make of vehicle
- Model of vehicle
- Colour
- Chassis No.
- Engine No.

\* insert name of registered person.

Dated ..... Signed .....

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations replace, with certain amendments, the Car Tax Regulations 1983, which are revoked.

The Regulations provide for the administration and collection of the tax and in particular for registration, keeping of records, making of returns, payment of tax, issuing of certificates and statements of tax payment, and recovery by distress or diligence of unpaid tax.

Regulation 2 has been amended in two respects. A Collector is defined, for the purpose of the Regulations, as including a Deputy Collector and an Assistant Collector; and provision has been made whereby the Commissioners are enabled to substitute equivalent forms for those set out in the Schedule.

Regulation 21 replaces and extends the relief for vehicles imported by legatees, which was provided by the former regulation 22. Paragraph (1) affords relief from car tax to vehicles with a capacity of up to nine persons in circumstances where relief from customs duty and value added tax has been afforded under the Customs and Excise (Relief for Imported Legacies) Order 1984 and gives effect to a Community obligation contained in Article 10 of Directive 83/183/EEC (OJ No L105, 23.4.1983, p.64). Paragraph (2) extends to vehicles with a capacity of ten or eleven persons the relief afforded under paragraph (1).

Regulation 22 provides relief for vehicles temporarily imported as professional equipment, or for display at an exhibition or for test purposes. It affords relief from car tax in circumstances where relief from value added tax has been afforded under the Value Added Tax (Temporarily Imported Goods) Relief Order 1985.

Regulations 26 and 27 have been amended to make provision whereby the Commissioners are enabled, pursuant to the amendment made to the enabling provision by section 16(1) of the Finance Act 1984, to recover any costs incurred in connection with the distraining or poinding for unpaid tax. Certain other minor amendments have also been made which achieve greater consistency with the corresponding provisions applying to value added tax.

A substituted return of car tax form has been inserted in the Schedule.

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