



# Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 23

### *General provisions*

#### **51 Time for bringing proceedings**

Section 6 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (time for bringing summary proceedings for certain offences) shall apply to an offence under section 9(3)(a) or (b), 38 or 39.

#### **52 Destination of fines: Scotland**

There shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund all fines imposed in respect of offences committed in Scotland under the provisions of this Act or regulations made under it.

#### **53 Method of calculating weight of motor vehicles**

For the purposes of this Act the weight unladen of a vehicle shall be taken to be the weight of the vehicle inclusive of the body and all parts (the heavier being taken where alternative bodies or parts are used) which are necessary to or ordinarily used with the vehicle when working on a road, but exclusive of the weight of water, fuel or accumulators used for the purpose of the supply of power for the propulsion of the vehicle, and of loose tools and loose equipment.

#### **54 Saving for law of nuisance**

Nothing in this Act shall authorise a person to use on a road a vehicle so constructed or used as to cause a public or private nuisance, or in Scotland a nuisance, or affect the liability, whether under statute or common law, of the driver or owner so using such a vehicle.

**55 Protection of public interests**

It is hereby declared that nothing in this Act is to be treated as conferring on the holder of an operator's licence any right to the continuance of any benefits arising from this Act or from any such licence or from any conditions attached to any such licence.

**56 Secretary of State's power to hold inquiries**

In sections 248 and 249 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (which give the Secretary of State power to hold inquiries for the purposes of that Act, and make general provision as to such inquiries) any reference to that Act shall be taken to include a reference to this Act, except that such a reference shall not be taken to include a reference to any of the excepted provisions (within the meaning given in section 46(3) above).