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Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART VI

THIRD-PARTY LIABILITIES

General

VALID FROM 04/02/2011

[^{F1}159A Disclosure of information

(1) Regulations may make provision for and in connection with requiring MIIC to make information available to any prescribed person for the purposes of the exercise of any of that person's functions in connection with the enforcement of an offence under this Part of this Act or under regulations made under section 160 of this Act.

(2) In this section—

“MIIC” means the Motor Insurers' Information Centre (a company limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 on 8th December 1998), and

“information” means information held in any form.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 159A inserted (prosp.) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\)](#), ss. 22(2), 61

160 Regulations.

(1) The Secretary of State may make regulations for any purpose for which regulations may be made under this Part of this Act and for prescribing anything which may be

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prescribed under this Part of this Act and generally for the purpose of carrying this Part of this Act into effect.

In this Part of this Act “regulations” means regulations under this section and “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations.

- (2) In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) above, the regulations may make provision—
- (a) as to forms to be used for the purposes of this Part of this Act,
 - (b) as to applications for and the issue of certificates of insurance and certificates of security and any other documents which may be prescribed, and as to the keeping of records of documents and the providing of particulars of them or the giving of information with respect to them to the Secretary of State or a chief officer of police,
 - (c) as to the issue of copies of any such certificates or other documents which are lost or destroyed,
 - (d) as to the custody, production, cancellation and surrender of any such certificates or other documents, and
 - (e) for providing that any provisions of this Part of this Act shall, in relation to vehicles brought into Great Britain by persons making only a temporary stay in Great Britain, have effect subject to such modifications and adaptations as may be prescribed.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 160 excluded (23.6.1999) by S.I. 1999/1736, art. 8(1)(b)(2)(b)

161 Interpretation.

- (1) In this Part of this Act—
- “hospital” means [^{F2}any health service hospital, within the meaning of the National Health Service Act 1977 or the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978 and any other]institution, not being an institution carried on for profit, which provides medical or surgical treatment for in-patients,
- “policy of insurance” includes a covering note,
- “salvage” means the preservation of a vessel which is wrecked, stranded or in distress, or the lives of persons belonging to, or the cargo or apparel of, such a vessel, and
- “under the owner’s control” means, in relation to a vehicle, that it is being driven by the owner or by a servant of the owner in the course of his employment or is otherwise subject to the control of the owner.
- (2) In any provision of this Part of this Act relating to the surrender, or the loss or destruction, of a certificate of insurance or certificate of security, references to such a certificate—
- (a) shall, in relation to policies or securities under which more than one certificate is issued, be construed as references to all certificates, and
 - (b) shall, where any copy has been issued of any certificate, be construed as including a reference to that copy.

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(3) In this Part of this Act, any reference to an accident includes a reference to two or more causally related accidents.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words substituted by [National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 \(c. 19, SIF 113:2\)](#), s. 66(1), [Sch. 9 para. 35](#)

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The expressions listed in the left-hand column below are respectively defined or (as the case may be) fall to be construed in accordance with the provisions of this Part of this Act listed in the right-hand column in relation to those expressions.

| <i>Expression</i> | <i>Relevant provision</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Accident | Section 161(3) |
| Authorised insurer | Section 145(2) |
| Certificate of insurance | Sections 147(1) and 161(2) |
| Certificate of security | Sections 147(2) and 161(2) |
| Hospital | Section 161(1) |
| Policy of insurance | Section 161(1) |
| Prescribed | Section 160(1) |
| Regulations | Section 160(1) |
| Salvage | Section 161(1) |
| Under the owner's control | Section 161(1) |

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 [S. 162](#) excluded (23.6.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1736](#), [art. 8\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)

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