



Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART VI

THIRD-PARTY LIABILITIES

General

^{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 (4.2.2011) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\)](#), ss. **22(2)**, 61(1)(10); S.I. 2011/19, art. 2(a)

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

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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 ^{F2}... and any other documents which may be prescribed, and as to the keeping of records ^{F3} . . . 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, ^{F4} . . .
 - ^{F5}(da) for or in connection with the transmission or making available of certificates of insurance as described in section 147(1A)(a) or (b) of this Act, 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.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in s. 160(2)(b) omitted (1.11.2019) by virtue of [The Motor Vehicles \(Compulsory Insurance\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/1047\)](#), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 21** (with reg. 5)
- F3** Words in s. 160(2)(b) omitted (30.4.2010) by virtue of [The Motor Vehicles \(Electronic Communication of Certificates of Insurance\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1117\)](#), **art. 5(a)**
- F4** Word after s. 160(2)(d) omitted (30.4.2010) by virtue of [The Motor Vehicles \(Electronic Communication of Certificates of Insurance\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1117\)](#), **art. 5(b)(i)**
- F5** S. 160(2)(da) inserted (30.4.2010) by [The Motor Vehicles \(Electronic Communication of Certificates of Insurance\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/1117\)](#), **art. 5(b)(ii)**

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—

^{F6} [“ hospital ” means any institution which provides medical or surgical treatment for in-patients, other than—

- (a) a health service hospital within the meaning of [^{F7}the National Health Service Act 2006 or the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006] or the ^{M1}National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1978,
- (b) ^{F8}
- (c) any institution carried on for profit,]

“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

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“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.

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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

- F6** Definition of “hospital” in s. 161(1) substituted (5.4.1999) by 1999 c. 3, s. 18(3); S.I. 1999/1075, art. 2
- F7** S. 161(1): in definition of “hospital” words in para. (a) substituted (1.3.2007) by National Health Service (Consequential Provisions) Act 2006 (c. 43), ss. 2, 5, 8(2), Sch. 1 para. 123 (with Sch. 3 Pt. 1)
- F8** S. 161(1): in the definition of “hospital” para. (b) repealed (29.1.2007) by Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43), ss. 169(2), 196, 199, Sch. 14 Pt. 3 (with s. 166); S.I. 2006/3397, art. 3 (subject to art. 4); S.S.I. 2007/10, art. 2(2)(d)(e)(g)
- F9** S. 161(2) omitted (30.6.2015) by virtue of Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), s. 115(7), Sch. 3 para. 7; S.I. 2015/994, art. 9(a) (with Sch. Pt. 3A) (as amended by S.I. 2015/1405, art. 2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** S. 161 excluded (23.6.1999) by S.I. 1999/1736, art. 8(1)(b)(2)(b)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1978 c. 29.

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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)
[^{F10} Authorised insurer	Section 145(5)]
Certificate of insurance	Sections 147(1) and 161(2)
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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)

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Textual Amendments

- F10** Entry in s. 162 substituted (1.12.2001) by S.I. 2001/3649, **arts. 1, 314**
- F11** Words in s. 162 omitted (1.11.2019) by virtue of [The Motor Vehicles \(Compulsory Insurance\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/1047), reg. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 22** (with reg. 5)
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3** S. 162 excluded (23.6.1999) by S.I. 1999/1736, **art. 8(1)(b)(2)(b)**

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