



# Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

## 1994 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### OFFENCES

##### *Other offences relating to licences*

#### **33 Not exhibiting licence.**

- (1) A person is guilty of an offence if—
- (a) he uses, or keeps, on a public road a vehicle in respect of which vehicle excise duty is chargeable, and
  - (b) there is not fixed to and exhibited on the vehicle in the manner prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State a licence for, or in respect of, the vehicle which is for the time being in force.

- [<sup>F1</sup>(1A) A person is guilty of an offence if—
- (a) he uses, or keeps, on a public road an exempt vehicle,
  - (b) that vehicle is one in respect of which regulations under this Act require a nil licence to be in force, and
  - (c) there is not fixed to and exhibited on the vehicle in the manner prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State a nil licence for that vehicle which is for the time being in force.]

<sup>F2</sup>(1B) .....

<sup>F2</sup>(1C) .....

<sup>F2</sup>(1D) .....

- (2) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) [<sup>F3</sup>or (1A)] is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale.

[<sup>F4</sup>(3) Subsections (1) and (1A)—

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- (a) have effect subject to the provisions of regulations made by the Secretary of State, and
- (b) are without prejudice to sections 29 <sup>[F5]</sup>, 31A] and 43A.]

<sup>[F6]</sup>(4) The Secretary of State may make regulations prohibiting a person from exhibiting on a vehicle <sup>[F7]</sup>which is kept or used on a public road] anything—

- (a) which is intended to be, or
- (b) which could reasonably be,

mistaken for a licence which is for, or in respect of, the vehicle and which is for the time being in force.]

<sup>[F8]</sup>(5) The reference to a licence in subsection (4) includes a reference to a nil licence.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 33(1A) inserted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 16, s. 18, **Sch. 3 para. 4(1)**; S.I. 1998/560, **art. 2**
- F2** S. 33(1B)-(1D) omitted (17.7.2013) by virtue of Finance Act 2013 (c. 29), **s. 188(1)**
- F3** Words in s. 33(2) inserted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 16, s. 18, **Sch. 3 para. 4(2)**; S.I. 1998/560, **art. 2**
- F4** S. 33(3) substituted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 16, s. 18, **Sch. 3 para. 4(3)**; S.I. 1998/560, **art. 2**
- F5** Words in s. 33(3)(b) inserted (19.12.2003) by Finance Act 2002 (c. 23), s. 19, **Sch. 5 para. 10**; S.I. 2003/3086, **art. 2(a)**
- F6** S. 33(4) inserted (29.4.1996) by 1996 c. 8, s. 23, **Sch. 2 para. 10**
- F7** Words in s. 33(4) substituted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 16, s. 18, **Sch. 3 para. 4(4)**; S.I. 1998/560, **art. 2**
- F8** S. 33(5) inserted (1.4.1998) by 1997 c. 16, s. 18, **Sch. 3 para. 4(5)**; S.I. 1998/560, **art. 2**

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