



Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 23

Operators' licences

3 “Standard” and “restricted” licences.

- (1) An operator's licence may be either a standard licence or a restricted licence.
- (2) A standard licence is an operator's licence under which a goods vehicle may be used on a road for the carriage of goods—
 - (a) for hire or reward, or
 - (b) for or in connection with any trade or business carried on by the holder of the licence.
- (3) A restricted licence is an operator's licence under which a goods vehicle may be used on a road for the carriage of goods for or in connection with any trade or business carried on by the holder of the licence, other than that of carrying goods for hire or reward.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (3), a company may use a goods vehicle on a road for the carriage of goods for hire or reward under a restricted licence instead of a standard licence if (but only if) the goods concerned are the property of a company which is—
 - (a) a subsidiary of the first company,
 - (b) a holding company for the first company, or
 - (c) a subsidiary of a company which is a holding company both for that subsidiary and for the first company.
- (5) A standard licence may authorise a goods vehicle to be used for the carriage of goods—
 - (a) on both national and international transport operations; or
 - (b) on national transport operations only.

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- (6) Except as provided in subsection (4) and subject to [^{F1}sections 3A and 4], a person who uses a goods vehicle under a restricted licence for carrying goods for hire or reward is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.
- (7) A person who uses a goods vehicle for carrying goods for hire or reward on international transport operations under a standard licence which covers the carriage of goods on national transport operations only is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 3(6) substituted (19.7.2018) by [Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018 \(c. 19\)](#), ss. 11(3), 27(1)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 5(6)(6A) substituted for s. 5(6) by [2000 c. 38 s. 263](#)