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**The Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Amendment)
Regulations 1976**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>5th October 1976</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>14th October 1976</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>4th November 1976</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport (as respects England), the Secretary of State for Scotland (as respects Scotland) and the Secretary of State for Wales (as respects Wales), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 15 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(a) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 199(2) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 4th November 1976, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 1976.

2.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Regulation the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations 1969(b), as amended(c) (hereinafter referred to as “the 1969 Regulations”), shall be further amended in accordance with Regulations 3 to 5 below.

(2) The amendments made by these Regulations shall not apply to an event (as defined in the 1969 Regulations) which has been authorised by the Royal Automobile Club before the coming into operation of these Regulations but is to be held after they have come into operation.

3. In Regulation 4(1) (Interpretation) of the 1969 Regulations—

(a) after the definition of “control points” the following new definition shall be inserted—

““cross-border event” means an event involving the use of motor vehicles on public highways in England, or England and Wales, and also in Scotland;”;

(b) after the definition of “rules” the following new definitions shall be inserted—

““Scottish event” means an event involving the use of motor vehicles on public highways in Scotland only;

“the Scottish part of a cross-border event” means so much of the cross-border event as involves the use of motor vehicles on public highways in Scotland;”.

(a) 1972 c. 20. (b) S.I. 1969/414 (1969 I, p. 1167). (c) S.I. 1974/1674 (1974 III, p. 6073).

4. For Regulation 8 (Fees) of the 1969 Regulations the following shall be substituted:—

“Fees

8.—(1) It shall be a condition of any authorisation of an event by the Royal Automobile Club that a fee, to be calculated in accordance with the relevant paragraph of this Regulation, shall be paid to that Club.

(2) Where the event is a Scottish event, the fee payable shall be a basic fee of £12.50, increased by £7.50 for each 50 miles or part thereof of the length of the route of the event on the public highway.

(3) Where the event is neither a Scottish event nor a cross-border event, the fee payable shall be calculated by reference to the maximum number of competing vehicles stated in the application for the authorisation of the event and shall be a fee at the rate of—

- (a) 75p per vehicle, for events the route of which on the public highway does not exceed 100 miles;
- (b) £1 per vehicle, for events the route of which on the public highway exceeds 100 miles but does not exceed 150 miles;
- (c) £1.50 per vehicle, for events the route of which on the public highway exceeds 150 miles but does not exceed 200 miles; and
- (d) £3 per vehicle, for events the route of which on the public highway exceeds 200 miles.

(4) Where the event is a cross-border event, the fee shall be calculated as if the Scottish part of the cross-border event and the other part of that event were separate and distinct events and the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) above shall be applied in relation to the Scottish part and the other part respectively.”.

5. After Regulation 12 of the 1969 Regulations the following new Regulation shall be inserted:—

“Provisions with respect to Scotland

13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, as from 1st January 1977—

(a) these Regulations shall cease to apply to—

- (i) Scottish events, and
- (ii) the Scottish part of any cross-border event; and

(b) for the purposes of these Regulations the part of a cross-border event which is not the Scottish part shall be treated as a separate and distinct event and the Scottish part shall be disregarded.

(2) Before authorising—

- (a) before 1st January 1977, a Scottish event, or
- (b) at any time, a cross-border event,

the Royal Automobile Club shall consult with the Royal Scottish Automobile Club.”.

27th September 1976. *William Rodgers,*
Secretary of State for Transport.

1st October 1976. *Bruce Millan,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

5th October 1976. *John Morris,*
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations 1969 (as amended by the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) (Amendment) Regulations 1974) so as—

- (a) to limit them, as from 1st January 1977, to events taking place only in England or England and Wales and to the English or English and Welsh parts of events which take place in part in England or in England and Wales, and in part in Scotland;
- (b) to require the Royal Automobile Club to consult the Royal Scottish Automobile Club before authorising before 1st January 1977 an event taking place wholly in Scotland or at any time an event taking place partly in Scotland and partly in England or England and Wales;
- (c) to change the basis for the calculation of the fees payable in respect of events taking place wholly or partly in England or England and Wales.

This change involves substituting for the present fee of £12.50 for an event, plus £7.50 for each 50 miles or part thereof of the length of the route on the public highway, a fee varying between 75p and £3 (depending on the length of the route of the event on the public highway) for each vehicle covered by the application for the authorisation of the event.

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