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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2439**

**The Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal  
and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1997**

**PART I  
PRELIMINARY**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1994 Act” means the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994;

“authorised person” has the meaning given by regulation 3;

“custodian” in relation to a vehicle has the meaning given by regulation 9(3);

“disabled person’s badge” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(7) of Schedule 2A to the 1994 Act;

“G.B. records” means the records kept under the 1994 Act by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency on behalf of the Secretary of State and “G.B. registration mark” means a registration mark assigned to a vehicle registered in those records;

“local authority” means, in relation to England a county council, a district council, a London borough council or the Common Council of the City of London and, in relation to Wales, a County Council or County borough Council;

“N.I. records” means the records kept under the 1994 Act by Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland on behalf of the Secretary of State and “N.I. registration mark” means a registration mark assigned to a vehicle registered in those records;

“public service vehicle” has the meaning given by section 1 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(1);

“release” in relation to a vehicle means release from an immobilisation device;

“surety payment” means a sum payable by virtue of regulation 6(3)(b) or regulation 12(2)(c) (ii) where a vehicle licence is not produced; and

“voucher” means a voucher issued under regulation 15(2).

(2) References to the prescribed charge for any matter are to the charge specified in relation to that matter in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(3) References to the “owner” of a vehicle at a particular time are to the person by whom it was then kept and the person in whose name the vehicle is registered at a particular time shall be taken, unless the contrary is shown, to be the person by whom the vehicle was kept at that time.

(4) Except where it is expressly provided otherwise, references in these Regulations to a numbered regulation are to the regulation in these Regulations so numbered and references to a

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(1) 1981 c. 14. Section 1 was amended by Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1985 (c. 67).

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numbered paragraph are to the paragraph so numbered in the regulation in which the reference occurs.