
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

PART III

REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF VEHICLES

Removal of vehicles

9.—(1) This regulation applies where an authorised person has reason to believe that an offence under section 29(1) of the 1994 Act—

- (a) is being committed as regards a vehicle which is stationary on a public road in England or in Wales; or
- (b) was being committed as regards a vehicle at a time when an immobilisation device which is fixed to the vehicle was fixed to it in accordance with these Regulations and the conditions prescribed in paragraph (2) are fulfilled.

(2) The conditions are—

- (a) 24 hours have elapsed since the device was fixed to the vehicle, and
- (b) the vehicle has not been released in accordance with these Regulations.

(3) In a case where this regulation applies, the authorised person or a person acting under his direction, may remove the vehicle and deliver it to a person authorised by the Secretary of State to keep vehicles so removed in his custody (in these Regulations called a “custodian”).