

2003 No. 1814

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment)
Regulations 2003**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>14th July 2003</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>21st July 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>11th August 2003</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 57 and 61B of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(a) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Vehicles Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force on 11th August 2003.

Increases in fees

2.—(1) The Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) Regulations 1998(b) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In the regulations specified in column (1) of the Table for the amounts specified in column (2) there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3).

TABLE

<i>(1)</i> <i>Regulation</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Existing Amount</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Substituted Amount</i>
14(1)(a)	£15	£15.50
14(1)(b)	£25	£26
14(2)	£8.40	£9
14(3)	£3.50	£5.50

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

14th July 2003

David Jamieson
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department for Transport

(a) 1994 c.22. Section 57(1) was amended by the Finance Act 1996 (c.8), section 23 and Schedule 2, paragraph 16.
Section 61B was inserted by the Finance Act 1998 (c.36), section 16 and Schedule 1, paragraph 2.
(b) S.I. 1998/3094, amended by S.I. 2000/3274.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) Regulations 1998 (“the 1998 Regulations”). The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 was amended by the Finance Act 1998 to provide for reduced rates of vehicle excise duty to be applicable to certain buses, haulage vehicles and heavy goods vehicles when adapted so as to reduce pollution. The 1998 Regulations prescribe “the reduced pollution requirements” which are the requirements that must be satisfied in order that these reduced rates may apply to a vehicle and provide for the issue of reduced pollution certificates where the requirements are found to be satisfied.

The fees for examinations are prescribed in regulation 14 of the 1998 Regulations. Where an examination of a vehicle is carried out under regulation 10 of the 1998 Regulations (re-examination of a vehicle for which a reduced pollution certificate is in force) no fee is payable.

Regulation 2 specifies the increased fees in regulation 14 of the 1998 Regulations—

- (a) the fee payable where the examination of the vehicle is carried out at the same time as an examination of the vehicle for other specified statutory purposes is increased by 3.3% from £15 to £15.50;
- (b) the fee payable where the examination of the vehicle is carried out in any other case is increased by 4% from £25 to £26;
- (c) the fee payable if, at the request of the applicant, the time appointed for an examination of the vehicle is out of hours is increased by 7.1% from £8.40 to £9;
- (d) the fee payable if, at the request of the applicant, an examination of the vehicle is carried out otherwise than at premises provided for and maintained by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 52 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (goods vehicle testing stations) is increased by 57.1% from £3.50 to £5.50.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department for Transport, Zone 2/05, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR (telephone number: 020–7944 2455). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

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