
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1203

The Trailer Registration Regulations 2018

PART 2

REGISTRATION AND INSPECTIONS

Applications for registration

4.—(1) A person may apply to the Secretary of State for the registration⁽¹⁾ of a trailer kept or used on a road if the permissible maximum mass is more than 750 kilograms.

(2) When making an application under paragraph (1), the applicant must provide—

- (a) payment of the registration fee of £26.00;
- (b) a declaration that the applicant is—
 - (i) the person who keeps the trailer; or
 - (ii) authorised by the person who keeps the trailer to make the application on their behalf;
- (c) a declaration that the person who keeps the trailer is—
 - (i) resident in the United Kingdom;
 - (ii) a company formed and registered under the Companies Act 2006⁽²⁾; or
 - (iii) a holder of a valid operator's licence granted under section 4 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967⁽³⁾, section 14 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981⁽⁴⁾, section 13 of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995⁽⁵⁾ or section 12 of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010⁽⁶⁾;

and

- (d) the following particulars—
 - (i) the name of the person who keeps the trailer;
 - (ii) the address within the United Kingdom of the person who keeps the trailer;
 - (iii) the manufacturer of the trailer;
 - (iv) the chassis number of the trailer;
 - (v) the permissible maximum mass; and
 - (vi) the unladen mass of the trailer.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation, a person is resident in the United Kingdom unless that person has lived outside the United Kingdom for at least 185 days in the previous calendar year.

⁽¹⁾ “Registration” is defined in section 22(2) of the Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018.

⁽²⁾ 2006 c.46.

⁽³⁾ 1967 c. 37 (N.I.); section 4 was amended by the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (c. 11) (N.I.), section 18(1) and Schedule 1, paragraph 3, which were commenced by S.R. 2015/284, article 2.

⁽⁴⁾ 1981 c. 14; section 14 was substituted by S.I. 2011/2632, Schedule 1, paragraph 3.

⁽⁵⁾ 1995 c. 23; section 13 was substituted by S.I. 2011/2632, Schedule 2, paragraph 5.

⁽⁶⁾ 2010 c. 2 (N.I.); section 12 was substituted by S.R. 2012/257, regulation 17(5).

(4) Subject to paragraph (7), the Secretary of State must accept any application under paragraph (1) that complies with paragraph (2) and—

- (a) register the trailer; and
- (b) record the particulars referred to in paragraph (2)(d) in the register.

(5) The Secretary of State may record such other technical or administrative information in relation to a registered trailer(7) as the Secretary of State sees fit.

(6) The Secretary of State must reject any application to register a trailer that is not made under paragraph (1) or not made in compliance with paragraph (2).

(7) If the Secretary of State has a reasonable belief that the information provided by the applicant is inaccurate or incomplete, the Secretary of State may—

- (a) take action to determine its accuracy or completeness, including conducting an inspection of the trailer under regulation 13 or requesting documentation or information from the person who keeps the trailer or the applicant; or
- (b) refuse to register the trailer.

(7) “Registered trailer” is defined in section 22(2) of the Haulage Permits and Trailer Registration Act 2018.