1973. No. 337 **[C]**

VEHICLES EXCISE

Transfer of Functions

ORDER, DATED 14TH SEPTEMBER 1973, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OF PART II OF SCHEDULE 9 TO THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 9 to the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Vehicles Excise (Transfer of Functions) (Supplementary Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1973.

2. In this Order—

"county council" has the same meaning as in section 35 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972;

"relevant functions" means the functions conferred on county councils by the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(**b**) (which provides for the levying of excise duty on vehicles and the licensing and registration of vehicles);

"the transfer date" means the date appointed by order of the Secretary of State on which the relevant functions shall be transferred to the Ministry of Home Affairs, that date being 1st October 1973(**c**).

3. Anything done by or in relation to a county council before the transfer date in connection with any relevant functions (including in particular any consent given or requirement imposed by the county council in that connection) shall be deemed on and after that date to have been done (or, as the case may be, to have been given or imposed) by or in relation to the Ministry of Home Affairs and anything begun before that date by or against a county council in the exercise of any relevant functions (including in particular any legal proceedings to which the county council is a party) may be carried on and completed on and after that date by or against the Ministry, and any investigation or remedy under any enactment or otherwise in respect of any right or liability transferred to the Ministry may be instituted, carried on or enforced by or against the Ministry under the powers and provisions (if any) applicable thereto immediately before that date.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 14th day of September 1973.

(L.S.) *A. P. D. Westhead,*
Assistant Secretary.

(**a**) 1972. c. 10 (N.I.).
(**b**) 1954. c. 17.
(**c**) See the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 (Date of Commencement) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1973 (S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973, No. 336).