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MOTOR VEHICLES

International Motor Insurance Card

REGULATIONS, DATED 22ND MAY 1969, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTIONS 10 AND 13 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1930.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by sections 10 and 13 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1930(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1969, and shall come into operation on 1st June 1969.

Revocation

2. The Motor Vehicles (International Motor Insurance Card) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1963(b) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1930;

"authorised insurer" has the same meaning as in section 5(1) of the Assurance Companies Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(c);

"British Bureau" means the Motor Insurers' Bureau incorporated under the Companies Act 1929 of the Parliament of the United Kingdom(d), and having its registered office at Aldermary House, Queen Street, London, E.C.4;

"Foreign Bureau" means a central organisation set up by motor insurers in any country outside the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands for the purpose of giving effect to international arrangements for the insurance of motorists against third-party risks when entering countries where insurance against such risks is compulsory, and with which organisation the British Bureau has entered into such an arrangement;

"hired motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is:—

(*a*) designed for private use and with seats for not more than eight persons excluding the driver, and

(*b*) specified in an insurance card, and

(*c*) last brought into Northern Ireland by a person making only a temporary stay therein, and

(*d*) owned and let for hire by a person whose business includes the letting of vehicles for hire and whose principal place of business is outside the United Kingdom;

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 24 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963, No. 75.
(c) 1947. c. 1.
(d) 19 & 20 Geo. 5. c. 23.

"hiring visitor" means a person to whom a hired motor vehicle is let on hire, who is making only a temporary stay in Northern Ireland and is named as the insured or user of that vehicle in the insurance card in which that vehicle is specified;

"insurance card" means an international motor insurance card issued under the authority of a Foreign Bureau or of the British Bureau which is green in colour and, either in English or a foreign language, in the form specified in Part I of the Schedule and which in the case of each entry into the United Kingdom of the motor vehicle specified in the card during the period of validity so specified has attached thereto one or more pages green in colour and, either in English or a foreign language, in the form specified in Part II of the said Schedule, each of which said pages is hereinafter referred to as a "duplicate page";

"the Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland;

"trade licence" has the same meaning as in the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(e);

"visitor" means a person bringing a motor vehicle into Northern Ireland, making only a temporary stay therein and named in an insurance card as the insured or user of the vehicle, and includes a hiring visitor who brings a hired motor vehicle into Northern Ireland, but no other hiring visitor.

Validity of insurance card

4.—(1) An insurance card shall be valid for the purposes of these regulations only if—

(*a*) the card bears on page 1 thereof the name of the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, under whose authority the card was issued;

(*b*) the motor vehicle specified in the card is brought into the United Kingdom during the period of validity so specified;

(*c*) the application of the card in Northern Ireland is indicated thereon;

(*d*) all relevant information provided for in the card has been inscribed therein;

(*e*) the card has been duly signed by the visitor, by the insurer named in the card and, in the case of a hired motor vehicle, by every hiring visitor who is named in the card as the insured or user thereof.

(2) The information required to be inscribed in paragraphs (2), (3) and (8) on page 3 of the card is:—

(*a*) in the said paragraph (2), the name of the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, under whose authority the card was issued; and

(*b*) in the said paragraph (3), the name and address of the insured visitor and of every person who is, as respects a hired motor vehicle, a hiring visitor, and

(*c*) in the said paragraph (8), the name and address of the insurer authorised to issue the card by the Foreign Bureau or the British Bureau, as the case may be, and by whom the card was issued.

Third-party risks arising out of the use of motor vehicles by visitors

5.—(1) As respects the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card, being use by the visitor to whom the card was issued, or by

(e) 1954. c. 17.

any hiring visitor named therein, or by any other person on the order or with the permission of the said visitor or of any such hiring visitor, section 6 of the Act shall have effect as though the said card were a policy of insurance complying with the requirements of and having effect for the purposes of Part II of the Act in relation to such use:

Provided that where the said motor vehicle remains in the United Kingdom after the expiry of the period of validity specified in the card, then as respects any period whilst it so remains during which the vehicle is in Northern Ireland the said card shall not be regarded as having ceased to be in force for the purposes of the said section 6 by reason only of effluxion of the period of validity specified in the card.

For the purposes of this paragraph a motor vehicle shall be deemed not to have left the United Kingdom whilst it is only in transit between different parts of the United Kingdom.

(2) Any reference in this regulation and in the next two following regulations to the use on a road of a motor vehicle shall not include any use of the vehicle for the purpose of delivering it to or for the visitor at some place other than the place of entry of the vehicle into Northern Ireland, which is authorised under a trade licence.

Claims

6.—(1) For the purposes of section 11 of the Act, a valid insurance card shall have effect as though it were a certificate of insurance issued by an authorised insurer and in relation to any claim in respect of any such liability as is required to be covered by a policy of insurance under section 7 of the Act and arising out of the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in such a card by the visitor to whom it was issued, by any hiring visitor named therein, or by any other person on the order or with the permission of the said visitor or of any such hiring visitor, the person against whom the claim is made shall in lieu of making the statement and giving the particulars referred to in section 21(1) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1934(**f**), give to the person making the claim, on his demand, the serial letter or letters and number shown in the card, the name of the Bureau under whose authority it was issued and the name and address of the persons specified therein as the insured.

(2) Any person making or intending to make any such claim as is mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall give notice of the claim in writing to the British Bureau as soon as practicable after the happening of the event out of which the claim arose specifying the nature of the claim and against whom it is made or intended to be made.

(3) Where owing to the presence on a road of a motor vehicle specified in an insurance card, an accident occurs involving personal injury to a person other than the driver of the vehicle, and by reason of section 11 of the Act, as modified by paragraph (1), the insurance card, together with a duplicate page, is produced to a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary or at a Royal Ulster Constabulary station, that member or a member at that station may detach the duplicate page from the card and arrange for its retention for the purposes of recording or producing insurance particulars relating to the accident.

Evidence in civil proceedings

7. In any civil proceedings in respect of any such liability as is required to be covered by a policy of insurance under section 7 of the Act and arising

(f) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 15 (N.I.).

out of the use on a road of a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card, the production of the duplicate page detached by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary in pursuance of Regulation 6(3) shall be evidence that the person specified in the card as the insured has duly signed the form of authority specified in paragraph (4) on page 4 of the card unless the contrary is proved.

Production of insurance card on application for excise licence

8. Any visitor or hiring visitor applying for a licence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 for a motor vehicle specified in a valid insurance card in which he is named as the insured may, during the period of validity specified in the card, in lieu of producing to the licensing authority such evidence as is required by Part I of the Motor Cars (Third Party Risks) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1934(**g**), produce such a card to the licensing authority.

Requirements in connection with duplicate pages

9. The Inspector General shall without charge:—

(*a*) furnish to the Ministry or the British Bureau on request or to an authorised insurer on request by the British Bureau any information relating to the contents of a duplicate page which may have been detached by a member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary under Regulation 6(3) in connection with an accident; and

(*b*) forward to the British Bureau or to an authorised insurer on request by the British Bureau any such duplicate page and the British Bureau or the authorised insurer, as the case may be, shall as soon as practicable return the duplicate page to the Inspector General.

Special provision for motor vehicles from Great Britain

10. In the case of a motor vehicle brought from Great Britain into Northern Ireland by a person making only a temporary stay in Northern Ireland, a policy of insurance or a security which complies with the Road Traffic Act 1960(**h**) and which covers the driving of the motor vehicle in Northern Ireland and any certificate of insurance or certificate of security in respect of such policy or security shall have effect as a policy of insurance or a security or a certificate of insurance or certificate of security respectively for the purposes of Part II of the Act and of Part I of the Motor Cars (Third Party Risks) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1934.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this 22nd day of May 1969.

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(**g**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1934, No. 109. (**h**) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.

THE SCHEDULE

(See Regulation 3)

(In this Schedule, references to the Convention of 1949 are references to the Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva in the year 1949(i).)

PART I

FORM OF INSURANCE CARD

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INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD
CARTE INTERNATIONALE D'ASSURANCE AUTOMOBILE

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(i) Cmd. 7997.