Council of the County Borough of—	
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Londonderry	UI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport)

These Regulations amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Northern Ireland) Regulations, 1947, by substituting for the Fourth Schedule thereof, the Schedule to these Regulations, the general purport of which is to allot the additional Index Marks XZ and YZ for use in respect of mechanically-propelled vehicles registered in Armagh County and Londonderry County, respectively.

ORDER DATED 8TH MAY, 1957, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE VEHICLES (EXCISE) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1954.

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The Ministry of Commerce for Northern Ireland, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by virtue of section 11 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954(a), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of June, 1957, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Order (Northern Ireland), 1957".

(2) The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Orders (Northern Ireland), 1924 and 1940(b) and (c), are hereby revoked.

2. In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Vehicles (Excise) Act (Northern Ireland), 1954;

"duty" means duty payable under the Act;

"licence" means a licence taken out under the Act in respect of any mechanically-propelled vehicle not being a tramcar or a vehicle mentioned in paragraph (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) or (*d*) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Act;

(a) 1954, c. 17 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1924, No. 85.
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1940, No. 19.

"month" means calendar month except that the month of March shall be deemed to end on the 24th of that month and the month of April shall be deemed to begin on the 25th March;

"quarterly period" means any of the periods from the 1st January to the 24th March, from the 25th March to the 30th June, from the 1st July to the 30th September or from the 1st October to the 31st December in any year.

3. A licence in respect of any vehicle may be taken out for the period of one calendar year ending on 31st December and the duty in respect of such a licence shall be payable at the annual rate of duty appropriate to that vehicle.

4.—(1) Licences may be taken out for periods of less than a year in accordance with the following provisions of this Article, and the duty payable in respect of any licence taken out for such a period shall be payable at rates determined in accordance with those provisions.

(2) In the case of a vehicle which is chargeable with duty at an annual rate exceeding three pounds—

(*a*) a licence may be taken out for any part of a calendar year commencing before and expiring at the end of the last quarterly period in that year and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be the amount arrived at by multiplying one-twelfth of the annual rate of duty appropriate to that vehicle by a number equal to the number of complete and incomplete months included in the said period and increasing the amount so arrived at by 5 per cent.;

(*b*) a licence may be taken out for any quarterly period and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be 27½ per cent. of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle; and

(*c*) a licence may be taken out for any period which is shorter than, and ends on the last day of, a quarterly period, and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be as follows:—

(i) if the period is longer than two months, the duty shall be 27½ per cent. of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle; or

(ii) if the period commences on or after the first day of the second month of a quarterly period, the duty shall be two-thirds of the amount specified in sub-paragraph (i) of this sub-paragraph; or

(iii) if the period commences on or after the first day of the third month of the quarterly period, the duty shall be one-third of the amount specified in sub-paragraph (i) of this sub-paragraph.

(3) In the case of a vehicle which is chargeable with duty at an annual rate of three pounds or less—