

**CONSULTATION ON A
HARMONISED VEHICLE REGISTRATION
DOCUMENT**

DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENSING AGENCY

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HARMONISED VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT

INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This consultation document invites comments on proposals to introduce a new harmonised vehicle registration document to comply with European Council directive 1999/37/EC.
- 1.2 All registration documents issued from June 2004 must be in the new harmonised format.

RESPONSES

- 1.3 Although views would be welcome on all aspects of the Government's proposals, questions are collected together in a form in Annex C. It would greatly help analysis if the responses were made on the form and reached the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) by 30 August 2002.

The address to which to respond is:

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Morrison
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Fax (01792) 765210**

- 1.4 Alternatively, you can e-mail responses marked 'for the attention of Rob Pick' to Vehpol.dvla@gtnet.gov.uk

1.5 All responses to this document will be considered carefully, but they will not be acknowledged individually. Responses and name of the respondents may be quoted and made available to the public. Please indicate if you do not wish this information to be made available.

1.6 This document complies with the 'code of practice on written consultation' issued by the Cabinet Office in all respects other than the twelve week minimum response period. This is due to the urgent requirement to implement the Directive. If you consider that this document does not comply with the other consultation criteria reproduced at Annex B, please write setting out the areas where you feel the document departs from the criteria. The address to which to write is:

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2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Directive 1999/37/EC issued on 29th April 1999 requires EU Member States to produce a common framework for vehicle registration documents, across the community. A copy of the Directive is available from HMSO or via the Internet at www.europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/search/index.html.
- 2.2 The main aim of the Directive is to ensure that the holder of the document is entitled to be in possession of the vehicle and that vehicles are transferred legitimately. Harmonisation will make validation of documents easier, particularly when vehicles move across national borders. The Directive provides the basis for new information such as additional technical vehicle data and extended keepership details to be recorded on the vehicle documentation.
- 2.3 Informal consultation has already taken place with the Police; motor industry and other trade bodies substantially affected by these changes. The views of all consultees are sought in advance of implementation of the Directive.
- 2.4 There are two separate licensing authorities in UK-the DVLA which register/licences vehicles in England, Scotland and Wales and DVLNI, which carries out the same function in Northern Ireland. Currently the registration documents are designed differently. The opportunity will be taken to consider introducing a standard document for the whole of the UK rather than continuing with separate style registration documents.

Layout

2.5 Under the terms of the Directive the registration document may be either a one part or two-part document. The UK has negotiated on the basis that its document will, as now, be of a single part format. The harmonised document cannot be larger than A4 size, but may consist of several pages. It must be in a standardised format with specific codes alongside each item of data so that it may be easily interpreted throughout the Community.

3 OUTLINE OF THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Due to the restricted space on the new harmonised document there is a limit to the amount of data that can be recorded. However, the Directive specifies that the following data must appear. Much of the mandatory information is already included on the current registration document (V5). Those data items that are not currently shown are annotated with *. Please note that the optional data items are shown at Section 4.

Registration number

Date of first registration of the vehicle

Personal data (Vehicle Keeper details)

Holder of the registration certificate
Surname or business name
Other name(s) or initial(s) (where appropriate)
Address in the Member State of registration on the date of issue of the document

Where the keeper is not recorded separately on the document reference must be made to the keeper's status. For example, whether the named individual

- a) Is the vehicle owner*
- b) Is not the vehicle owner*
- c) Is not identified by the registration certificate as being the vehicle owner*

Vehicle data

Make

Type

- variant (if available)
- version (if available)

Commercial description(s)

Vehicle identification number

Mass*

Maximum technically permissible laden mass, except for motorcycles

Mass of the vehicle in service with bodywork, and with coupling device in the case of a towing vehicle in service from any category other than M1*

Period of validity, if not unlimited*

Date of the registration to which this certificate refers

Type approval number (if available)

Engine

- capacity (in cm³)
- maximum net power (in kW) (if available)*
- type of fuel or power source

Power /weight ratio (in kW/kg). (only for motorcycles)*

Seating capacity* (currently only shown for buses)

- number of seats, including the drivers seat
- number of standing places (where appropriate)

4 OUTLINE OF THE OPTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 The Directive also provides scope for the inclusion of optional information. We propose that all data currently printed on the V5 will continue after harmonisation. Data items not currently shown on the V5 are annotated with*. Views on whether it is necessary to include additional voluntary data in the new UK document are sought.

Personal data (Vehicle Owner details)

Owner of the vehicle*

Surname or business name

Other name(s) (where appropriate)

Address in the Member State of registration, on the date of issue of the document

Natural or legal person who may use the vehicle by virtue of a legal right other than that of ownership*

Surname or business name

Other name(s) or initial(s) (where appropriate)

Address in the Member State of registration, on the date of issue of the document

Mass*

Maximum permissible laden mass of the vehicle in service in the Member State of registration

Maximum permissible laden mass of the whole vehicle in service in the Member state of registration

Vehicle Category

Number of axles* (currently shown only for goods type vehicles)

Wheel base (in mm)*

For vehicles with a total exceeding 3,500kg. Distribution of the technically permissible maximum laden mass among the axles;*

Axle 1(in kg)

Axle 2(in kg), where appropriate

Axle 3(in kg), where appropriate

Axle 4(in kg), where appropriate

Axle 5(in kg), where appropriate

Technically permissible maximum towable mass of the trailers*

Braked (in kg)

Unbraked (in kg)

Engine*

Rated speed (in min⁻¹)

Engine identification number

Colour of the vehicle

Maximum speed (in km/h)*

Sound level*

Stationary (in dB(A))

Engine speed (in min⁻¹)

Drive-by (in dB(A))

Exhaust emissions;

CO (in g/km or G/kWh)*

HC (in g/km or g/k Wh)*

NO_x (in g/km)*

Particulates for diesel (in g/km or g/k Wh)*

Corrected absorption coefficient for diesel (in min⁻¹)*

CO²(in g/km)

Combined fuel consumption (in L/100 km)*

Indication of the environmental category of EC type-approval*; reference to the version applicable pursuant to Directive 70/220/EEC(I) or directive 88/77/EEC (2).

Capacity of Fuel tank(s)*.

4.2 We want to ensure that implementation of the Directive is as smooth as possible. It is therefore proposed not to include all the items of voluntary data. Instead it is proposed to keep things to the minimum. Views are sought on which data items would prove most useful.

5 MAIN ISSUES

5.1 The DVLA register is one of vehicle keeper-ship and not ownership. The vehicle keeper is the person normally responsible for keeping/using the vehicle. That person is not necessarily the legal owner but in the vast majority of cases, the keeper and owner will often be the same person.

5.2 The purpose of the vehicle register is to enable the licensing authority and enforcement agencies to trace the person responsible for the vehicle. It is therefore proposed that the vehicle keeper will continue to be recorded on the register and shown on the document.

5.3 In addition, to recording the vehicle keeper, it has been suggested that the new document should also show the legal owner. This would effectively transform the document into one of legal title and could inevitably lead to disputes over legal title/ownership. We believe that the case has not been made to record ownership details on the register and propose not to include such details.

5.4 An alternative approach might be for the registration document to retain its current status, with an option for car hire firms or leasing companies to note their interest in a vehicle. This could prevent the sale of vehicles by individuals who are not the legal owner. Electronic systems for the updating of financial transactions are not currently in place. If such an arrangement is the way forward, it may not be possible to do this in the short-term.

5.5 Many lease or car hire firms retain vehicle registration documents centrally. When vehicles are taken abroad an “on hire” certificate (VE103) is often issued to the driver in place of the registration document. There is nothing in the Directive to prevent such an arrangement from continuing. Do you consider such a facility is necessary following harmonisation and are current arrangements secure enough?

5.6 Views are also required on any other major issues surrounding the requirement to harmonise registration documents that you feel should be considered.

6 DOCUMENT SECURITY

6.1 The current registration document already includes anti-fraud devices. To further counter-act fraud, the harmonised document provides an opportunity to incorporate additional features and to review existing ones. The Directive specifies that the certificate be made secure by including graphics, a watermark, fluorescent fibres and imprints.

6.2 Views are sought on what additional security features could be included to make it even more difficult for documents to be used fraudulently.

7 INVITATION TO COMMENT

6.3 Council Directive 1999/37/EC introduces the requirement for Member States to harmonise registration documents across the Community by June 2004. A response form is attached at Annex C. The form invites answers to some critical questions already identified by DVLA and its stakeholders. However there may be other issues relating to the introduction of the harmonised document that recipients may wish to comment on.

6.4 All comments are welcomed and will be given careful consideration. The closing date for responses is 30 August 2002.

ANNEX A

VEHICLE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT V5 GradVed version 3

Please write in black ink and capital letters.
Please note the shaded boxes are for official use only.

1

KEEPER DETAILS - If any details in section A change please write new details in section B. (see notes 2 to 6 overleaf)

A Registered Keeper - Please note the registered keeper is not necessarily the vehicle's legal owner (see note 1 overleaf)

Registration Mark: **X964 UHM** 2 Validation character: **N** 3

The previous recorded keeper is: **EDGAR ALUN DAVIES**
6 POACHERS REST
PONTLLIW
SWANSEA SA4 1EG
ACQUIRED VEHICLE ON 23 01 2001

B New keeper/address details Mr 1 Mrs 2 Miss 3 Please tick the appropriate box **W** 4

Title or business name
Forenames in full
Surname/ DVLA Fleet N°
Address: **122 BURNS CRESCENT**
Post Town: **GLASGOW**
Postcode: **G41 9GP** 9 Please help us to help you by using your postcode

If the keeper has changed, tick box and give the date of sale or transfer: **K** 10 Day: Month: Year: **11** CD: **12**

New keeper's - driver number (see note 12 overleaf)

VEHICLE DETAILS - If any of the details in section D change, please write new details in section E. (see notes 7 and 11 overleaf)

C Present mileage (to last complete mile) (see note 7 overleaf) **13**

Please tick the appropriate box (see notes 8 and 9 overleaf)

Scrapped **S** 14 Date of Scrapping/Export Day: Month: Year: **R** 14

Exported **P** 15 **D** 16

E Change of Vehicle Details - write new details only **H** 17

Wheelplan/Body Type **18**

New Revenue Weight Day: Month: Year: **19** **20**

New Colour(s) Day: Month: Year: **21** CLR: **22**

Seating Capacity **23**

VIN/Chassis/Frame N° **24**

Engine N° **25**

Cylinder Capacity **26**

Type of Fuel **27**

*Taxation Class **Y** **28** **29**

If the taxation class changes please apply to your nearest VRO.

Official Use Only **30** ISC: **31** PR: **32** CM: **33** MK: **34**

MD: **35**

Declarations Please read the notes overleaf before signing
Registered Keeper: (to sign when notifying any change)
I declare that the new details I have given are true to the best of my knowledge.
Registered Keeper Date
New Keeper: (see note 6 overleaf)
I declare that this vehicle was sold or transferred to me on the date shown in section B and my name and address are correctly shown.
New Keeper Date
The Law: If the vehicle is sold or transferred, both the registered keeper and the new keeper, must sign this document.

Make: **FORD**
Model/Type: **GALAXY GHIA 24V MPV**
Variant:
Version:
Date of Registration: **23 01 2001**
Last Change of Keeper: **02 10 2001**
N° of Former Keepers: **1**
VIN/Chassis/Frame N°: **WFOGXPSGGY51622**
Engine N°: **YT5133**
Cylinder Capacity: **2792 CC**
CO₂:
Type of Fuel: **PETROL**
Taxation Class: **PRIVATE/LIGHT GOODS (PLG)**
Type Approval N°:
Category:
Revenue Weight:
Seating Capacity:
Colour(s): **RED**
Document Ref. N°: **1295 603 9999 22 10 01**
Despatch Codes:

V5/2 NEW KEEPER'S SUPPLEMENT - To be retained by new keeper. Do NOT send to DVLA (see notes overleaf)

Registration Mark: Validation character: Make: Model/Type:

Please write new keeper's name and address: Date of Registration: Revenue Weight: Taxation Class: Type of Fuel: Cylinder Capacity/CO₂: Seating Capacity:

Write date of sale/transfer here: Postcode:

Despatch Codes:

V5/3 NOTIFICATION OF SALE/TRANSFER TO A MOTOR VEHICLE TRADER ONLY (see note V5/3 overleaf)

Registration Mark: **981** 2 3

Present Mileage (to last complete mile) **5**

Date of Sale/Transfer: **01** 4

Declarations Please read the notes overleaf before signing
Registered Keeper:
I declare that I sold/transferred this vehicle to the motor trader named opposite on the date shown.
Registered Keeper _____
Motor Trader:
I declare that this vehicle was sold or transferred to me on the date shown opposite.
Trader _____ **Date** _____
The Law: If the vehicle is sold or transferred, both the registered keeper and the motor trader, must sign this document.

Name and address of motor trader: Title or business name: Surname: Address: Postcode: VAT Number:

Document Ref. N°:

ANNEX B – The Consultation Criteria

- 1 Timing of consultation should be built into the planning process for a policy (including legislation) or service from the start, so that it has the best prospect of improving the proposals concerned, and so that sufficient time is left for it at each stage.
- 2 It should be clear who is being consulted, about what questions, in what time scale and for what purpose.
- 3 A consultation document should be as simple and as concise as possible. It should include a summary, in two pages at most, of the main questions it seeks views on. It should make it easy as possible for readers to respond, make contact or complain.
- 4 Documents should be made widely available, with the fullest use of electronic means (though not to the exclusion of others), and effectively drawn to the attention of all interested groups and individuals.
- 5 Sufficient time should be allowed for considered responses from all groups with an interest. Twelve weeks should be the standard minimum period for consultation.
- 6 Responses should be carefully and open-mindedly analysed, and the results made widely available, with an account of the views expressed, and the reasons for decisions finally taken.
- 7 Departments should monitor and evaluate consultations, designating a consultation co-ordinator, who will ensure the lessons are disseminated.

ANNEX C - RESPONSE FORM

Questions

1 Are you prepared to allow your response or name to be quoted or made available to the public?

a) Yes

b) No

2 Do you agree that impact on business should be kept to a minimum and that it is not necessary to include all voluntary information on the new document/

a) Yes

b) No

3 Which voluntary item(s) of vehicle data (not currently shown on the V5) should be shown on the harmonised document?

4 Do you agree that the vehicle keeper should continue to be shown on the new document?

a) Yes

b) No

5 Do you think that in the longer term DVLA should record owners or note financial interest in vehicles?

a) Yes

b) No

6 What additional security features should be included to make it more difficult for documents to be used fraudulently?

7 Do you agree with the government that there is a continuing need for a tight system of registration covering `on hire` certificates when the registration document is unavailable?

a) Yes

b) No

Your name: _____

Address: _____

PostCode: _____

Interest in this Policy;
