

REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Title

Proposal to amend the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1975 and to also issue a Driving Licence (Exchangeable Licences) Order.

Purpose and effect

To increase the fee for International Driving Permits (IDPs) and International Certificates (ICMVs), to ensure that the administrative cost of issuing these documents is met and to amend the arrangements for non-European Economic Area (EEA) licence holders who want to drive during temporary visits to Great Britain. Also, to designate the Falklands as a country whose licences may be exchanged for the British equivalent.

IDPs and ICMVs are documents which may be issued to drivers who are about to visit a non-EC/EEA country. The IDP translates driving licence details into several languages, enabling foreign authorities to interpret driving licence entitlements held and licence validity periods. The ICMV translates details of British registered vehicles being taken temporarily to another country.

The proposed change will increase the overall cost of an IDP and ICMV by £1.50 to £5.50.

The revised fee is associated with:

- an increase in the costs related to the production and issuing of the documents and general business overheads.

Compliance cost for business, charities and voluntary organisations

Although some organisations elect to pay the cost of their drivers' fees, on the whole fees for IDP/ICMVs, are considered to be a matter for individual drivers. It is not expected that there will be significant compliance cost to industry and commerce in general and any impact on small businesses would be minimal.

The decision to restrict visiting non-EEA licence holders to the driving of vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes and with no more than 8 passenger seats and to exchange driving licences from the Falkland Islands would not result in costs to businesses.