



Consultation Letter

20 January 2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

Consultation on a Scheme of Continuous Enforcement of Motor Insurance

I attach at Annex A the Department for Transport's consultation paper on the Regulations to introduce a Scheme of Continuous Insurance Enforcement (CIE).

What is the consultation about?

To use a vehicle on the road or public place, its use must be covered by a valid policy of third party motor insurance as set out Section 143 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. The consultation is about the regulations required for commencement and operation of the scheme of continuous enforcement of motor insurance authorised by Section 22 of, and Schedule 5 to the Road Safety Act 2006. Its provisions introduce a new offence of being a registered keeper of a vehicle which does not meet statutory insurance requirements.

Who is the consultation likely to be of interest to?

This consultation will be of interest to motorists and other road users, motor insurance companies, representative bodies, regulators and members of the general public with an interest in motor insurance matters.

The Impact Assessment

The Impact Assessment which analyses the costs and benefits for a Continuous Insurance Enforcement scheme can be found at Annex C. You are invited to comment on it, highlight any unintended consequences of the policy you foresee, or raise practical enforcement or implementation issues, giving evidence wherever possible.

Deadline for receipt of responses

In the consultation document we have set out the particular questions on which we are looking for your particular comments. The deadline for reply to this consultation is 17 April 2009.

How to respond

The consultation period begins on 20 January 2009 and will continue for 12 weeks until 16 April 2009. Please ensure your response reaches us by that date.

Responses can be posted or e-mailed to:

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When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of an organisation please make it clear who your organisation represents.

To assist us in evaluating the responses, please set out the question to which you are responding, followed by your answer.

A list of consultees is provided in Annex B of the consultation. If you have any suggestions about others who may wish to be involved in the consultation, please let us know. If you require copies or alternative formats of this consultation please contact Christopher Curson as above. The consultation has also been published on the DfT Website at www.dft.gov.uk

Freedom of Information Act

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Code of practice on consultations

This consultation has been produced in accordance with the principles of the Government's "Code of Practice on Consultation" which are included at Annex D. If you have any complaints about the consultation process, please contact Lec Napal, Consultation Co-ordinator, Department for Transport, Zone 1/33, Great Minister House, London, SW1P 4DR, who can be contacted by e-mail at consultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk.

What will happen next?

A summary of responses, including the next steps, will be published on the DFT website at www.dft.gov.uk. A copy of the summary will be sent to everyone who responded to the consultation.

Yours faithfully,

Pauline Morgan

Licensing Roadworthiness and Insurance Division

For related documents, pages and internet links, see the column on the right.