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Any communication on the
subject of this letter should be
addressed to:—

THE SECRETARY,

and the following number quoted:—



MINISTRY OF HOME SECURITY,
HORSEFERRY HOUSE,
THORNEY STREET.
LONDON, S.W.1.

H.S.C. 215/40.
J.3.

17th August, 1940.

Sir,

Home Security Circular No. 215/1940.

F.B. Circular No. 116/1940.

Scottish Home Department Fire Brigades Division Circular L152/40.

Substantive rates of payment for use of vehicles
for Civil Defence Purposes.

1. I am directed by the Minister of Home Security to refer to A.R.P. Department Circular No. 261/1939⁺ in which interim rates of payment are authorised to be made to owners of vehicles used for Civil Defence purposes, and to say that after consultation with the Minister of Transport substantive rates of payment have been fixed.
2. As regards vehicles engaged on continuous Civil Defence duty it has been found that the only cases in which further payments for each continuous period of 24 hours fall to be made are those shown in the list appended below. If the owner of a vehicle to which a higher rate would have been appropriate applies for payment at the substantive rate, local authorities are authorised to meet the claim.
3. With regard to vehicles which have stood by on a part-time basis, I am to say that, if payment of hiring charges is claimed, local authorities are authorised to pay in respect of any 12 hours during the day-time five-eighths of the rate, according to the capacity of the vehicle, laid down in Circular 261/1939. In respect of a 12 hours period of standing by at night time, local authorities are authorised to pay one quarter of the rate laid down in the above mentioned Circular. Proportionate payments should be made in respect of periods of less than 12 hours.

+ Copies forwarded with F.B. Circular No. 73A/1939 on 6th October, 1939,
and from the Scottish Home Department on 13th October, 1939.

The Clerk of the County Council,
The County Clerk,
The Town Clerk,
The Clerk of the District Council.

4. If a local authority has fitted new tyres on a vehicle during the period when it was on hire, it should obtain, when practicable, some payment for the tyres from the owners.
5. Payments made in respect of hiring rates under this Circular will be reimbursed by the Exchequer.
6. An additional copy of this circular is forwarded to local authorities for the information of the Chief Financial Officer.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

B. Swagston

Issued to all general and fire-scheme-making authorities in England, Wales and Scotland.

Copies sent for information to all other local authorities and Chief Officers of Police in England, Wales and Scotland, to Chief Officers of Fire Brigades in England, Wales and to Firemasters in Scotland.

GEN. 128/10.

SUBSTANTIVE RATES FOR HIRE OF GOODS VEHICLES
FOR CIVIL DEFENCE FOR CONTINUOUS PERIODS OF
24 HOURS.

'A' AND 'B' LICENCE HOLDERS.

Maker's maximum carrying capacity with standard body & chassis.	Year of Life.	LONDON	GRADE I.	GRADE II.	GRADE III.
Up to 10 cwt.	3rd	5/9	5/6	5/-	4/9
2 tons	3rd	-	10/3	9/3	-
3 tons	3rd	13/-	12/3	-	10/6
4 tons	3rd	15/-	14/3	12/9	12/-
5 tons	3rd	16/-	15/3	-	-
	4th	16/-	15/3	-	-
6 tons	3rd	-	19/-	-	-
	4th	-	19/-	-	-

'C' LICENCE HOLDERS.

Maker's maximum carrying capacity with standard body & chassis.	Year of Life	LONDON.	GRADE I.	GRADE II.	GRADE III.
Up to 10 cwt.	3rd	4/6	4/6	4/-	3/9d.