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Dear Mr Tsigarides

Thank you for your email of 11 August to our Freedom of Information (FOI) team, which has been passed to me for my attention.

Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to your email. You have requested information under the Freedom of Information Act; however your email is being dealt with as routine business.

The content of your email has been noted. However, I should draw your attention to a number of points regarding the licensing of drivers and the registration and taxation of vehicles.

The Road Traffic Act 1988 requires all drivers to hold a driving licence which is valid and appropriate for the class or category of vehicle in order to drive legally on UK roads. Those holding valid driving licences issued outside Great Britain may be permitted to drive here depending on the circumstances.

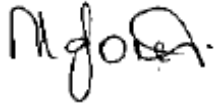
Additionally, the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 requires vehicles to be taxed unless they are properly declared as being used or kept off the public road ('a Statutory Off Road Notification'). In addition, the vehicle must be properly registered with the DVLA. Therefore, it is not possible to de-register a vehicle from our records.

There is no exception or exemption from these requirements or any other requirements with regards to the licensing of drivers and the registration and taxing of vehicles. If you are stopped by the Police and found to be in breach of the law regarding your driving licence and/or vehicle then they will have no option but to report you for the offence. Similarly, if DVLA receive any notification of such a breach then we will have no option but to take the necessary actions to enforce the law.

Further information on how to ensure that you may drive legally on UK roads and how to obtain the necessary documents to do so can be found at www.gov.uk/browse/driving.

I trust my letter has clarified matters for you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Jones'.

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