

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Miscellaneous
Report Title	Driving Licence Exchange Treaty with Italy
Minister	Infrastructure
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Infrastructure, Housing and Environment (IHE)
Lead Directorate	Regulation (IHE)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
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Report Author	Inspector of Motor Traffic
Date of Report	19/10/2022
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Relevant Case/Application/URN <i>(Only complete if making a decision related to an appeal/case/application)</i>	Insert Relevant Case/Application.
Relevant Proposition Number <i>(Only complete if presenting Comments or if lodging an Amendment)</i>	Insert P. number.
Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	Insert the law(s), regulations, order(s) either enabling or related to the decision.
Action required if recommendation agreed	Department to take necessary action.

Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.
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Introduction

Member States of the European Union (EU) exchange and recognise other member state's driving licences. Since the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU, there is a requirement for the UK to sign agreements with each jurisdiction to maintain the rights of citizens to be able to exchange their driving licences.

The UK has negotiated a Treaty agreement with Italy, which can be extended to the Crown Dependencies. This Treaty will allow Jersey driving licence holders wishing to become resident in Italy, to exchange their Jersey driving licence for an Italian one without the need to take a driving test for categories of vehicles for which they are already licensed. As Jersey already exchanges Italian issued driving licences, the signing of this treaty does not impose any legislative burden on Jersey.

Recommendation

To agree the case.

Detail

Within the European Union, each member state mutually agrees to accept each other's driving licences for exchange. Since the United Kingdom (UK) withdrew from the EU, such agreements no longer extended to holders of driving licences issued by the UK, Northern Ireland, Overseas Territories or the Crown Dependencies.

Being able to exchange a driving licence, avoids the need for the licence holder to undertake a further driving test for the issue of a driving licence for categories of vehicle which are already licenced.

The Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) (Jersey) Order 2003 permits Italian driving license holders to exchange their licence for a Jersey issued licence should they become resident in Jersey therefore this treaty does not impose any legislative burden on Jersey. Jersey licence holders wishing to become resident in Italy do not currently have the same right and must undertake a further driving test before being issued with an Italian driving licence.

The UK has negotiated with Italy to sign a Treaty to allow the exchange of driving licences between both jurisdictions. The UK have requested if Jersey wishes for the treaty to be extended to include the Crown Dependencies, including Jersey. Being signatories to this treaty would benefit Jersey driving licence holders wishing to become resident in Italy to obtain an Italian driving licence in exchange of their Jersey licence, thus avoiding the need to undertake a further driving test.

In order for Jersey to be included in the treaty, External Relations (ER) will request that the Bailiff write through the official channels, formally requesting extension of the treaty to Jersey, but before that can happen, ER will first require

- a) a letter from the Law officer Department confirming that Jersey can comply with the requirements of the treaty, which has been received, and
- b) a Ministerial Decision from the relevant Minister confirming the Decision for Jersey to be included in the UK's ratification of the treaty