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Dear Hugh,

### **Removing the insurance check when taxing a vehicle**

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DVLA's proposals to remove the insurance check when taxing a vehicle.

We understand that the Government is proposing to remove the unnecessary duplicate checks of insurance policies when a vehicle is taxed as more comprehensive checking is now carried out through the continuous insurance enforcement (CIE) regime. We also understand that the current insurance checks carried out when a vehicle is taxed sometimes causes validation errors which places an unnecessary burden on the public and businesses and that removing this check would save the Government around £1.2 million per year.

The BVRLA is fully supportive of the DVLA's proposal, we believe the check when a vehicle is taxed is completely unnecessary given the introduction of CIE last year. Whilst, in most cases our members benefit from an arrangement with the DVLA that does not require them to show a valid insurance policy when vehicles are taxed there is still a requirement for a valid insurance certificate to be sent to the DVLA on an annual basis. We would welcome clarification that this requirement will be removed with this legislative change.

Some BVRLA members, due to the type of vehicles they operate, still tax vehicles at the post office and the requirement to explain that they are a fleet customer can cause confusion therefore the removal of the check will be welcomed by this sector of the membership.

We trust that our support for these proposals will assist the DVLA in getting the relevant legislative changes made.

Yours sincerely

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