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APPLICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCHEME FOR THE INSURANCE OF
FOREIGN MOTORISTS AGAINST THIRD-PARTY RISKS

Letter from the Chairman of the Council of Bureaux

London, 4 January 1952

At a Meeting of representatives of Insurance Organizations held on the 1st and 2nd November 1951 in London at which the under-noted countries were represented the recommendations of the Sub-Committee on Road Transport were accepted in principle. These Organizations acting collectively are referred to as the "Council of Bureaux":

Belgium	Ireland
Denmark	Netherlands
Finland	Norway
* France	Portugal
Germany (Western Zones of Occupation)	Sweden
Great Britain	* Switzerland
Greece	

A standard form of Agreement was settled to be entered into by the Bureau, or other corresponding organization, of each country with those other Bureaux with which it is prepared to have such an Agreement. This Agreement itself contains provisions to ensure that all agreements concluded in pursuance of the recommendations and of the international card system will always be of the standard form.

* Final confirmation from this country is still outstanding.

The existence of such agreements will be recorded centrally with the Council of Bureaux so that all Governments can be kept informed. It follows, therefore, that the Government of each country can now proceed to make the necessary arrangements to recognise the International Card as satisfying the requirements of its Compulsory Insurance Law. The introduction of any necessary Regulations and the signing of the Agreement by the Bureaux will bring into operation the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

Arrangements have been made which will enable any Insurance Company established outside of Europe to take advantage of the system.

The Council have agreed that certain alterations should be made in the International Insurance Card to deal with questions which have arisen in the course of their deliberations. A copy of the revised card is attached (see Annex).

I must add that the representatives who attended this Meeting were under the necessity to seek confirmation by the bodies which had appointed them. I am glad to be able to say that this confirmation has been received from all, except that a final formal confirmation cannot be given by France until 14 January, and as regards Switzerland it is hoped to hear before the end of the month. A final reply has not yet been received from Luxembourg, and as regards Greece, where there is no compulsory Insurance, information is not yet available.

(signed) Guy F. Johnson

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR INSURANCE CARD

Name of Bureau which provided the Card

Serial Letter and Number

This Card is
valid for:

G.B.	F	B	CH	D	NL	I	EIR
Great Britain	France	Belgique	Suisse	Deutschland	Nederlande	Italia	Ireland
E	P	N	S	DK	SF Suomi Finland	GR Hellas Grèce	A Autriche
Espagne	Portugal	Norge	Sverige	Danmark			

Delete where not applicable.

from up to (date)

Name of the Insured

Home Address

Vehicles:

1. Category (motor car, motor cycle, lorry, bus, autocycle)

2. Make

3. Maker's Chassis No.

4. Maker's Engine No.

5. Registration No.

Insured with (Name of Insurer) Policy No.

Address of Insurer

After the date of expiry of this Card, liability is assumed by the Bureau of the country visited, if so required by law of such country or by any agreement with Government.

In such case, the Insured undertakes to pay the premium due for the duration of the stay after the date for which the Insurance Card is valid has passed.

In each country visited, the Bureau of that country assumes, in respect of the use of the vehicle referred to herein, the liability of an insurer in accordance with the laws relating to compulsory insurance in that country.

I, the above mentioned Insured, hereby authorise (the Bureau which provided the Card) and the Bureaux of any mentioned countries, to which it may delegate such powers, to accept service of legal proceedings, to handle and eventually settle, on our behalf, any claim for damages in respect of liability to third parties required to be covered under the compulsory insurance laws of the country or countries specified above, which may arise from the use of the vehicle in that country (those countries).

Signature of the Insured

(This Insurance Card is only valid when signed by the Insured.)

It must also be signed by any other person who may use the vehicle.

Date of issue

Issued by (stamp and signature of Insurer)