

## Amendments 9 and 10 to Clause 324: Reform of HGV road user levy and Schedule 22

### Summary

1. These amendments ensure that Vehicle Excise Duty for rigid heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) pulling trailers continues to apply correctly, following reforms made to the HGV road user levy in the Finance Bill.

### Details of the amendments

2. Amendment 9 alters clause 324 so it provides for consequential changes.
3. Amendment 10 makes those consequential amendments to Schedule 2, ensuring that Vehicle Excise Duty for rigid HGVs pulling trailers continues to apply correctly, following reforms made to the HGV road user levy in the Finance Bill.
4. Vehicle Excise Duty for rigid HGVs pulling trailers is defined in Paragraph 10 of Part 8 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (VERA 1994). It does this in tables 1 to 6, which depend on the “appropriate HGV road user levy band”. This in turn is defined, in sub-paragraph (5), as relating to the levy bands set out in the HGV Road User Levy Act 2013 (the “2013 Act”). However, the levy reforms included in the Finance Bill removed the relevant levy bands from the 2013 Act, meaning that the tables setting Vehicle Excise Duty ceased to function as desired. These amendments correct this by inserting a new table into Schedule 22 which replaces the deleted table in the 2013 Act.
5. Amendment 10 inserts a new paragraph 10A into Schedule 22.
6. New paragraph 10A makes amendments to paragraph 10 of Part 8 of Schedule 1 to VERA 1994. Paragraph 10 of Part 8 refers to “the following tables”, and this is amended to “the tables”, and this is defined to mean the tables mentioned in paragraph 10(6) of Part 8. This is to allow the insertion of a new table which defines the bands which are used in those tables.
7. New paragraph 10A(4) inserts this new table as new paragraph 10(5A) of Part 8, replacing 10(5). It defines “vehicle excise duty bands” in the same way as the 2013 Act defined HGV levy bands before the reforms included in the Finance Bill.
8. New paragraph 10A(5) amends the tables in paragraph 10(6) of Part 8 such that they refer to “vehicle excise duty bands” rather than HGV levy bands.

### Background note

9. The reforms to the HGV levy, made by the Finance Bill, changed how the levy was defined, and removed certain levy bands which were used by VERA 1994 to determine Vehicle Excise Duty rates. This amendment ensures that Vehicle Excise Duty rates continue to be defined as before.