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PROCEDURE, ISSUING OF CIRCULATING PERMITS
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
Regional Public Safety Office

PS/6

21 November 1945

SUBJECT : Motor Vehicle Circ. Permits
TO : HQ Allied Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission

1. In order that there shall be no gap in the issue of circulation permits for motor vehicles, it is necessary to know now the policy to be adopted for 1946.
2. It would appear desirable for the policy to be consistent throughout the whole of the country and instruction on a Regional basis are therefore being withheld for the time being.
3. Probably the simplest policy to adopt would be to issue permits to all vehicle owners and then to control petrol supplies. This practice would however undoubtedly lead to an increase in the illegal obtaining of petrol.
4. If the issue of permits is to be restricted, it is desired to know what categories or classifications of purposes are to be considered as essential.
5. It is suggested that the form of permit be reduced in size. The licences at present in use are so large that they obstruct vision and consequently many drivers are loath to affix them to the windscreens. A smaller licence would still serve the purpose of the police and the exhibition could be insisted upon. 34
6. This matter is the concern of R.A.C.I. and it is appreciated that by 1946 this may not be under AMG. However RACI are asking for instructions now and the matter should not be deferred if a time lag is to be avoided.
7. Forwarded for attention, please.

For the Regional Commissioner,

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N.W.F. FOWLER, Major
RPSO, LOMBARDIA REGION

31 AGO. 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5087/Commerce/POL. 7

Tel. Rome 478397

28 August 1945

SUBJECT: Procedure for issue of circulating permits.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.
(Attn. Maj. Ballance).

1. Your AC/I4402/27/PS dated 22 August 45 and copy of RACI letter to Ministry Industry & Commerce of 7 August 45 attached thereto refer.

2. This question has been discussed with Liquid Fuels Div. of Ministry Industry & Commerce who are of the opinion that there can be no question of total abolition of Circulating Permits so long as there is a need for P.C.I. rationing. Their views, which are also shared by this Sub-Commission may be summarised as follows:

3. RACI is not a Government controlled organisation and has no voice in Italian Government territory so far as concerns the granting of permits other than to declare the tax has been paid and to keep the public register of vehicles.

4. Screening would have to be carried out in any case by U.P.I.C. which is the responsible Government body for controlling the quantity of POL available for automotive purposes and is best placed to judge the merits of each application. Even if the "bollettario" were to be treated as the Circulation Permits there would be no saving of time involved since RACI would perforce be obliged to refer to U.P.I.C. for screening purposes.

5. The Ministry of Industry & Commerce have already dealt with the question of payment of tax to RACI before the Circulation Permit is granted and

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have issued instructions that U.P.I.C. must decide whether the Permit can be granted or not before directing the applicant to R.A.C.I. There may be divergence from this practice in certain cases but this is probably due to lack of experience of personnel which finds its own remedy over a period of time.

6. The present procedure is as simple as can be expected under present conditions and the complications referred to are probably manifestations of attempts by particular applicants to press their individual claims to a permit rather than indications of weakness of the system which was laid down only after close collaboration between AC/AMG and the Italian Government. The only official organisations involved are U.P.I.C., R.A.C.I., and Motorizzazione and certificates from other outside bodies when required in certain cases in support of claims would still be required by the body charged with screening, be it RACI or UPTC.

7. The Ministry of Industry & Commerce is studying the possibility of eliminating Circulation Permits for certain classes of vehicles only but is not prepared to make any changes in the present system until every aspect of the problem has received very careful consideration. Definite proposals in this connection will probably be submitted at a later date.

[Signature]
Major, M.I.C.
Acting Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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Copy to: Pet. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC.
Ministry of Industry & Commerce
(Liquid Fuels Div.) (attach to letter to Ministry
same date and reference)

BRADDOCK-AMERICAN ALLIANCE COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel : 473800

22/August/45

AG/14402/27/45

SUBJECT : Issue of Circulating Permits - Procedure

TO : Commerce B/O.
(att: Capt. Cowling)

1. Transmitted herewith is a copy of a letter submitted by the Central Unit of RACI to the Ministro dell'Industria e Commercio with regard to the payment of road vehicle taxes and the issue of circulating permits in the territory under the control of the Italian Government.

2. It is clear from the letter that a proper tie up does not exist between RACI who issue bollettari and the agencies who issue circulating permits. It was envisaged that bollettari would not be issued except in those cases in which approval had been given for the issue of circulating permits.

3. It is also clear from the letter that there is an urgent need for the Government to review the present procedure relating to the issue of permits, and to introduce a simple system which will enable a motorist to obtain at one office not further away than his provincial capital all the documentation necessary to place his vehicle in service.

4. In AMG territory, applications for permits are accepted by RACI who also deliver the permits.

5. This Sub Commission is of the opinion that consideration should now be given to the question of abolishing the issue of permits altogether, and of controlling the number of vehicles on the roads by means of controlling the number of bollettari issued. RACI could be instructed not to issue bollettari except when instructed to do by WFO who could forward the necessary full case to RACI at the same time as the authority to issue bollettari.

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6. Bollettari are more distinguishable than the permits so far issued; and they serve the same purposes, except that they do not show the purposes for which vehicles may be used. In practice little notice is taken of this fact.

7. Bollettari are current for 12 months in the case of private vehicles. This could be reduced to six months.

8. It is noticeable that RACI has been able to arrange for the printing and delivery of Bollettari on time.

9. Will you please obtain the views of the Italian Government with regard to cancelling the issue of permits.

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

JOHN G. CHAMBERLAIN
Colonel, J.A.S.C.
Director

WCH/pl

1 Enclosure

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Jatsec., AMHQ., RACI
Ministro dell'Industria e Commercio
Ministro Trasporti
Reale Automobile Club d'Italia.

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HEADQUARTERS - ALGER COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 194

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AS/14403/27/13

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Ministre dell'Industria e Commercio
Ministro Trasporti
Unione Automobile Club d'Italia.



REALE AUTOMOBILE CIRCOLO D'ITALIA

ENTE MORALE

SEDE CENTRALE

Studies Office

ROMA (134) 7th August 1945

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to

MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA E COMMERCIO
Dir. Gen. Industria e delle Miniere
Div. Com. Liquidati

ROME

and p.c.:

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission- ROME

SUBJECT : Circulation permits for motor vehicles - Motorcar taxes -

Referring to your letter n. 3584 of 17th July with enclosed copy of note of Allied Commission, this Central Administration communicates:

In effect, as far as we know, the requests for obtaining special circulation permits are received by the competent offices only when it has been paid the road tax for the motor vehicle which has to circulate. Certainly this causes more than the danger pointed out by Allied Commission concerning the abusive circulation in virtue of the only payment of the tax - an evident and grievous trouble, also material, for motorists whose request of circulation permit - for which they must pay the tax - is often refused. This produces serious damage also because, when the request for special license has been rejected, the motorists concerned

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The present situation - in want of exact dispositions - seems to have been caused by the doubtful diction of a circular of Communications Ministry (n. 2 prot. 1206/C/I/ of 23 March 1944), which established that motorcars for civilian uses had to be provided, for circulation, of a special circulation permit in addition to the normal circulation license "in order with the dispositions in force".

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It is evident that the normal circulation license is in order with the dispositions in force at the moment when the motorcar circulates, only if the tax has been paid; this payment is necessary only at the moment of the circulation and therefore the circulation's duration has been misconstrued in more than an exclusive manner, subordinating the beginning of the inquiry for the request of special permit to the payment of motor tax.

In order to what we have said before, this Central Secret thinks that it is possible to conciliate conveniently the interests of motorists with what it is imposed to them by tax disposition, establishing that - instead of requiring the payment of road tax when the request of special permit is presented - the same payment is effected when the special permit is delivered.

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This situation is due to the fact that the R.D.I. 5 May 1944, n. 133 - which now is to be considered surpassed - establishes the competency of "Ispettorato Provinciale della Motorizzazione", which took decisions after the opinion of the "Consiglio Provinciale dell'Economia", excepting special cases. Instead, the actual situation has changed the first dispositions, because the "Ispettorato" only compile the circulation permits on the basis of the decisions of the "Camera di Commercio" with the aid of mixed Commissions formed by representatives of interested categories (doctors, farmers, industrialists, etc.).

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Beside, presently, the motorist is obliged to loose a lot of time to the various offices and to pay many sums for various duties. Indeed, for obtaining a special circulation permit it

is necessary to enclose to the request a certificate of R.A.A. - by R.A.C.I. - from which it results the effective ownership of the motor-vehicle; this is established by Capo III, n. 1 of circulare n. 2 PG/25 and n. 2 PG/40/1080 of 12 April 1944 sent by Communication Ministry to the Consigli Provinciale dell'Economia and to the Ispettorato Compensazioni della Motorizzazione Civile.

The motorist must also obtain by the office of the competent organization a certificate from which it results that he exercises an activity for which it can be delivered the permit (Ispezione del- l'Agricoltura, Camera di Commercio, Ordine dei Medici, Unione Com- mercianti, ecc.). When the documentation has been collected and paid to R.A.C.I. the circulation tax, the request is presented to the Camera di Commercio, which, if accepted, sends all documents to the Ispettorato della Motorizzazione.

As the work of R.A.C.I. is necessary for the certification of motor-vehicle ownership state, and also for the payment of circulation tax which should be effected only at the delivery of the special permit, it should be convenient to simplify the matter: at this purpose, the requests should be presented to R.A.C.I., which would certify the ownership state and, for avoiding to motorists to go again to the offices, it could also solicit to the competent offices the necessary certificates.

When the request is complete, the R.A.C.I. could submit it to the Commission which will give its opinion about and then send to the Ispettorato della Motorizzazione, which will decide about.

The R.A.C.I. could also - considering that the motorist's must go to its offices for many reasons - distribute, previous payment of circulation tax by the same R.A.C.I., the special permits. **2.**

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We should have so equal rules for the payment of duties which should be reduced to the minimum; to-day, instead, it happens that while in Rome they are contained in low sums, in other provinces the same duties are higher; for instance at Ascoli Piceno motorists have to pay to the Camera di Commercio the sum of 450 lire for each permit.

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When the procedure should be simplified and eliminate every loss of time and disbursement of money, we should obtain more efficiency in the service and a strict respect to the restrictive conditions now in force.

We hope that the aforementioned propositions will be well received and that they will be adopted by the Commission.

We are at your disposal for every further explanation.

THE GENERAL COMMISSIONER
(Filippo Caracciolo)

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