



Information Sheet 2.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN & CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

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EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS RALLYING ON LICENSED CARAVAN SITES

The publishing of Club Secretaries' names in the caravan press has led to commercial caravan parks throughout the country sending literature to clubs offering their sites for rallies.

It is essential that all clubs should fully appreciate that certain enquiries must be made and precautions taken before such offers are accepted in order that their Certificate of Exemption should not be put at risk or that rallies should not be subject of query or objection by local authorities once outfits have arrived on site.

Site Licences

All commercial sites will have a licence issued by the Local Planning Authority stating the maximum number of caravans (statics and/or tourers) authorised by the terms of that licence. However, the Association has evidence that some unscrupulous site operators see our Exemption Certificates as a means of increasing the numbers for which they are legally licensed by offering rallies of up to 5 days duration and "extended rallies", sometimes in a designated area or even in an adjacent field.

Site Layout

A common site entrance is often used and the facilities, e.g. water and disposal points, toilets, spacing, roadways and entrances (all of which were probably a major factor in determining the number of pitches permitted) are shared.

In the event that the rally causes the number of pitches for which the site is licensed, to be exceeded, **THE RALLY IS ILLEGAL.**

No regulations are breached if the number of private pitches actually in use throughout the terms of the rally, together with the number of ralliers' vans on site is within the total number of tourers for which the site is licensed. In this situation, the rally is considered to be held under the terms and conditions of the site operator's licence and the exempted club's certificate is neither in use nor at risk.

Establishment of Constraints

Site operators are often reluctant to divulge details of their licence to rallying clubs. However, it is important for clubs to establish, in writing, which set of circumstances applies. Accordingly, it is recommended that you seek a written acknowledgement to the following undertaking.

(In letter to site) Please note: As our Certificate of Exemption will not apply to this rally, we should be obliged to have your written confirmation that the number of **OUR** units on site between the dates of..... and..... together with the number of pitches **PRIVATELY BOOKED** will not exceed the numbers permitted by the terms and conditions of your licence.

Using Your Club's Certificate of Exemption

Should the site operator be unable to confirm the above, you must assume he wishes to site the rally on unlicensed land and use the Exemption of your Club certificate. In that circumstance you must ensure that your rally in no way interferes with the operation of the commercial site and does not share any of the facilities offered to the caravanners on that site.