



## Information Sheet 5.

# THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN & CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

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## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The following are extracts from the First Schedule to the above Act which apply to exempted organisations:

### **Paragraph 4. Sites occupied and supervised by exempted organisations**

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of this Schedule, a site licence shall not be required for the use as a caravan site of land which is occupied by an organisation which holds for the time being a certificate of exemption granted under paragraph 12 of this Schedule (hereinafter referred to as an exempted organisation) if the use is for the purpose of recreation and is under the supervision of the organisation.

### **Paragraph 6. Meetings organised by exempted organisations**

Subject to the provisions of paragraph 13 of this Schedule, a site licence shall not be required for the use of land as a caravan site if the use is under the supervision of an exempted organisation and is in pursuance of arrangements made by that organisation for a meeting of its members lasting not more than five days.

Club paragraph 6 certificates only give exemption from the need to hold a site licence and the necessary planning permission is granted by a different Planning Act known as the **TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995**. The significant wording within the Act which relates to our exemption certificates states:– *Development is permitted subject to the condition that the use shall be discontinued when the circumstances specified cease to exist and all caravans shall be removed as soon as reasonably practicable.*

### **Paragraph 12. Certification of exempted organisations**

12 - (1) For the purposes of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of this Schedule, the Minister may grant a certificate of exemption to any organisation as to which he is satisfied that its objects include the encouragement or promotion or recreational activities.

12 - (2) A certificate granted under this paragraph may be withdrawn by the Minister at any time.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES:**

Paragraph 6: The provisions of Paragraph 13 apply to the powers of local authorities to apply for withdrawal of other exemptions covered by the Act.

If a site has a Paragraph 13 order placed upon it, ACCEO members cannot use their Certificates of Exemption to rally upon the land which is the subject of the order.

The Association holds a certificate of exemption granted under Paragraphs 4 and 6. It has agreed with the appropriate Government department that rallies held under the provisions of Paragraph 4 will be limited to a maximum of twenty-eight days in length although the Act does not specify a time limit.