



Information Sheet 19.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CARAVAN & CAMPING EXEMPTED ORGANISATIONS

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ADVICE TO TENANTS AND OWNERS OF UNLICENSED LAND

Caravan Rallies organised by Exempted Organisations are a legitimate means of using unlicensed land as a short-term site for touring caravans.

There are however, a few simple rules that landowners/tenant farmers should be aware of in their own interests as failure to comply could result in a prosecution being brought by the Local Planning Authority for violation of the Planning Regulations.

Each member club of the Association of Caravan and Camping Exempted Organisations (ACCEO) holds a Certificate of Exemption from the need to hold a Site Licence for meetings (caravan rallies) of up to 5 days duration (5 x 24 hour consecutive periods).

The names of ACCEO Member Clubs are listed on the ACCEO web site, www.acceo.org.

Should the club being sought not be listed please contact the ACCEO Membership Officer through the web site link on the contacts page or at membership@acceo.org

However, in compliance with the Data Protection Act and as an Association policy, we are unable to reveal the names and addresses of Club Officers.

You are advised to check that Organisations applying to hold a caravan rally on your land are holders of a valid Certificate of Exemption, every Certificate issued by the relevant Government Department is numbered, and once again, you may check the validity of Certificates through the enquiries link on the contacts page of the ACCEO web site.

Landowners have been prosecuted in the past for permitting organisations to use their land for caravans without the benefit of Planning Permission, a Site Licence or an Exemption Certificate.

Clubs who apply to use your land for caravans but are unable to satisfy your request for details of their Certificate should be referred to ACCEO, where we will advise them on the procedures to be adopted and help where we can.

The legislation permitting the use of unlicensed land for caravan rallies by "Exempted Organisations" is the "Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960". If you are in any doubt about the legality of having caravans on unlicensed land, please take the advice of your solicitor or ACCEO.

Some organisations hold Certificates of Exemption from the need to hold a Site licence for meetings in excess of 5 days duration and for that purpose it is necessary for them to enter into a lease agreement with you. Organisations entitled to this exemption include; "ACCEO", "The Caravan Club", "The Camping and Caravan Club", "The Civil Service motoring Association", "The Retired Caravanners Association" and the "Auto-Cycle Union".